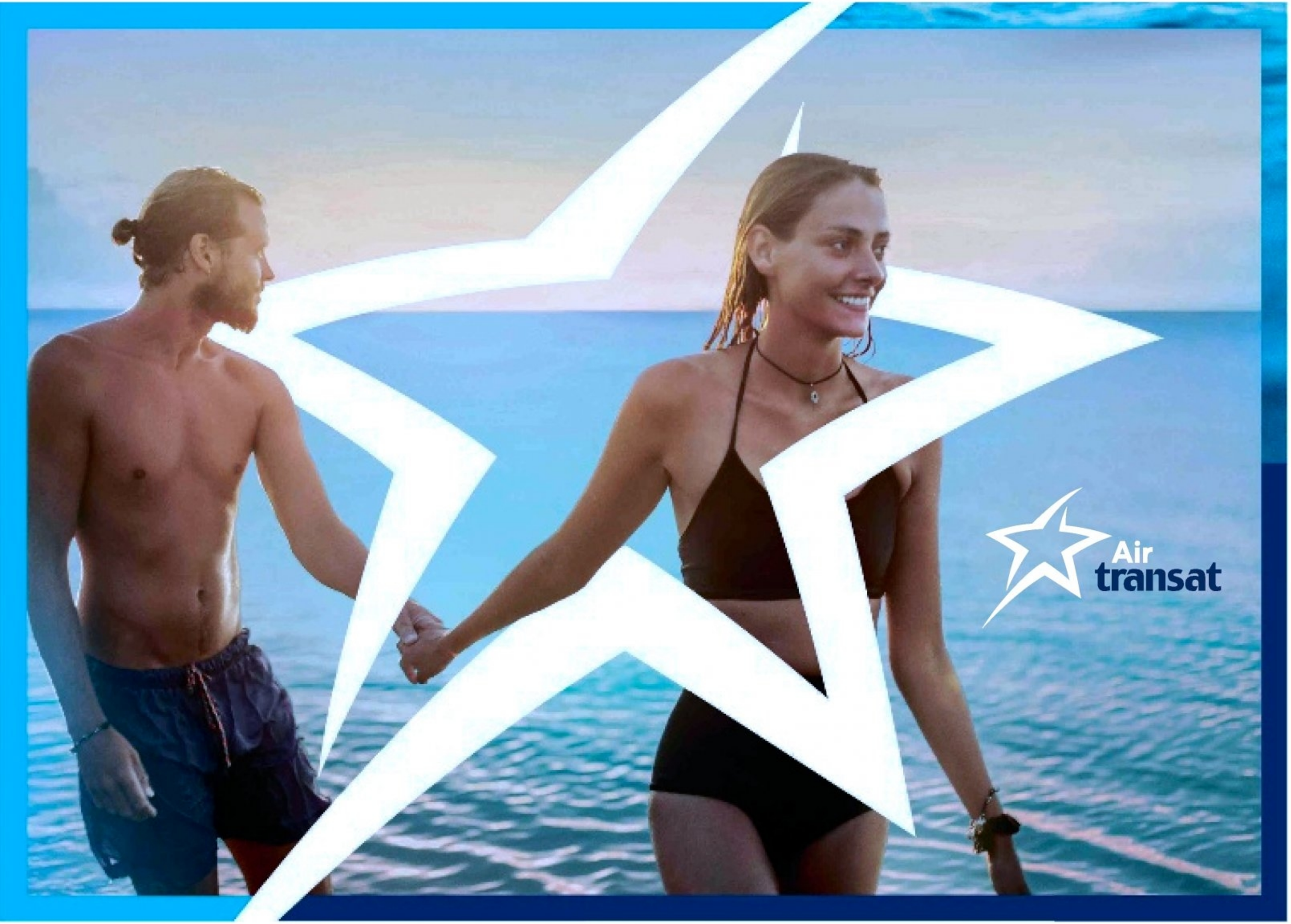
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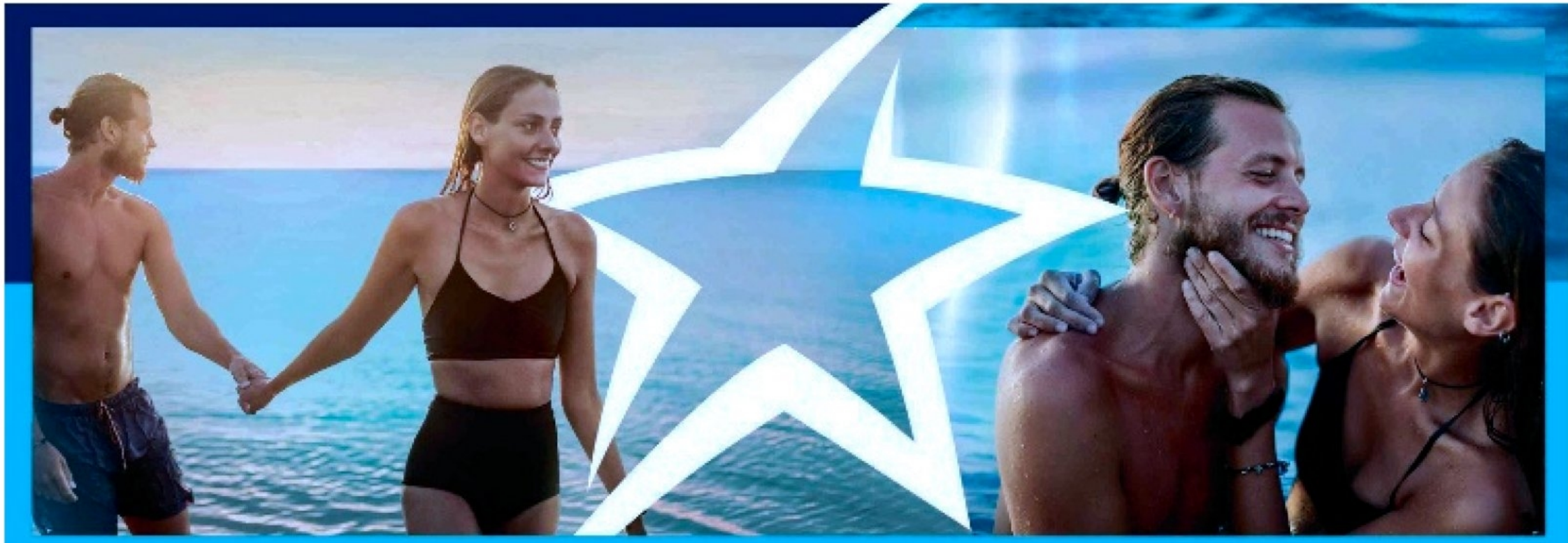

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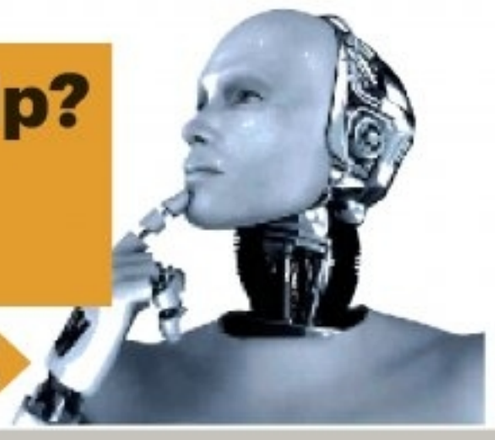

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ALCS

Walk-off homer. Bat flip. '92-93 World Series. Let's play ball ...

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Bat-flip 2.0 anyone?

One year ago today, Jose Bautista's powerful homer propelled the Blue Jays into the American League Conference Series.

Bautista's celebratory bat flip ignited the team — and Toronto — but unfortunately the Blue Jays would go on to lose the ALCS to Kansas City in six games.

But as the team squares off against Cleveland for a spot in the World Series, fans say that this time, things will be different.

"This is definitely our moment," said long-time fan Mary-Beth Kellow, noting anything less than a trip to the World Series would be a huge disappointment. "Toronto versus everybody has never been more true."

Pamela Bahl, who's followed baseball since the 1980s, sees a lot of similarities between the current team and the 1992 and 1993 champions. Edwin Encarnacion's walk-off homer in the Wild Card game, for example, reminded her of Roberto Alomar's 1992 ALCS clutch home run.

"To me, this team is almost unbeatable. Even games we've recently lost didn't feel like bad losses," she said. "Our lineup, when they're on, it's scary for the opposing teams."

The stars — and stats — appear to be aligning for the Jays this season.

The team has been picked as the favourite over Cleveland, and the Jays bats are heating up at the right time, said baseball blogger Ian Hunter.

"It's probably going to be a tough series," he said, predicting it could drag on to six or seven games. "But I believe starting pitching is the Blue Jays' distinct advantage and it's head-and-shoulders above Cleveland."

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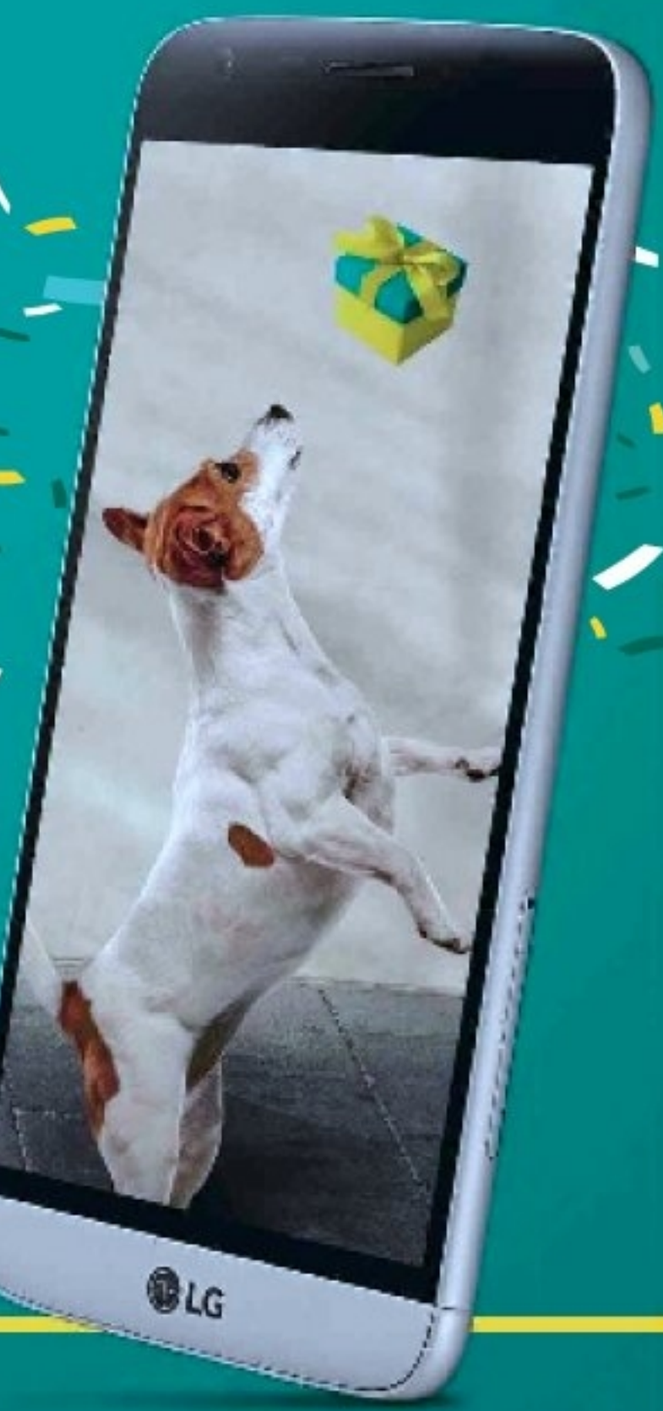

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URBAN CANOPY

Cabbagetown group planting the seeds of citizen forestry

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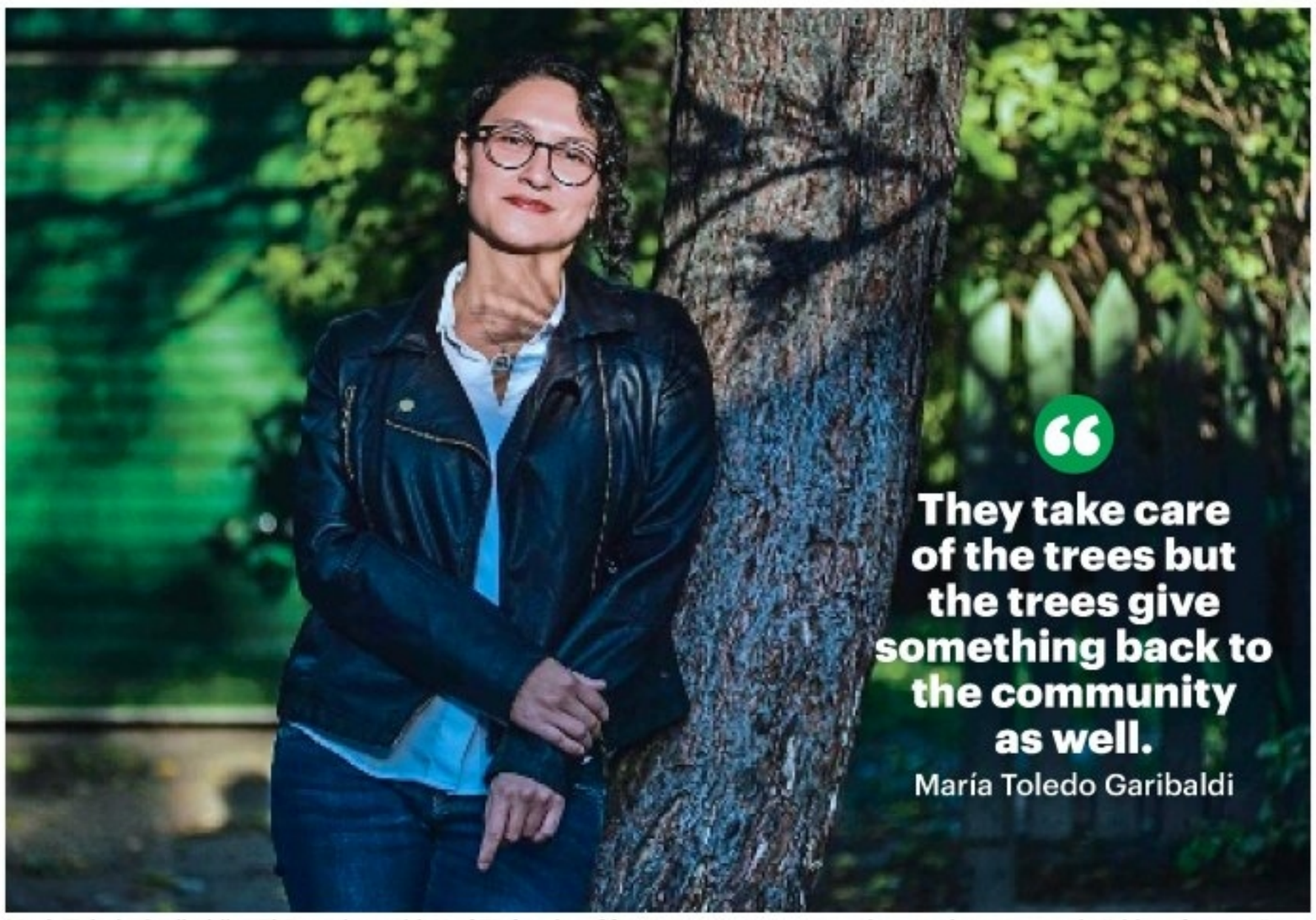

María Toledo Garibaldi, a PhD student with U of T's faculty of forestry, encourages regular people to engage in "citizen forestry" and learn more about the trees in their own communities. EDUARDO LIMA/METRO

The seeds of environmental stewardship are being planted around the city with new projects that encourage "citizen forestry" — regular people taking care of trees in their own neighbourhoods.

In Cabbagetown, a non-profit called Cabbagetown ReLEAF is working with the faculty of forestry at the University of Toronto to care for neighbourhood trees.

Earlier this month, they held a training session for other budding citizen foresters.

Covering basics such as pruning, tree inventory and knowing who to call if a tree needs help, the first training day was just "scratching the surface," said Prof. Danijela Puric-Mladenovic.

David Grant of Cabbagetown ReLEAF, called the training a "hands-on introduction to what we're going to be all about."

The non-profit is developing a free six-month course that residents will be able to take to learn more about how to care for and protect trees.

Puric-Mladenovic said "citizen scientists" have been around for a while, but it's harder to get people excited about trees than baby animals or butterflies.

"They're much easier to relate to because they're fuzzy and they're cute," she said.

But trees are not only part of the community, they're even more important as we grapple with climate change, she added.

They're more vulnerable with extreme weather events like ice storms, but they're also vital to cool down neighbourhoods and even homes as temperatures rise.

María Toledo Garibaldi, a PhD student with U of T's faculty of forestry, worked on a tree inventory with residents of the Playter Estates neighbourhood near Broadview station last spring, sharing her skills to help them take stock of the their trees.

Getting ordinary people, and not just experts, engaged is a crucial part of taking care of the city's tree canopy, she said.

"It's important, because if they're involved, they care," she said.

IN BRIEF

Woman dies after being hit by cyclist

An 84-year-old woman who was struck by a cyclist in Toronto last month has died of her injuries.

Police say the woman and a 75-year-old man were walking across Parliament Street at Spruce Street on Sept. 24 when they were hit by a cyclist.

Investigators say the man suffered minor injuries and said Thursday that the woman died on Oct. 6.

The cyclist — who left the scene before officers arrived — is described as a white man, approximately five-feet-eight inches tall, with a heavy build.

Police are seeking the public's assistance in identifying the cyclist.

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Uber driver charged with sexual assault

Toronto police say a 55-year-old Uber driver is charged in a sexual-assault investigation.

They say the complainant, a 20-year-old woman, ordered an Uber ride from Thornhill to Toronto early on Sept. 23.

Investigators say a man came to pick her up and drive her home and she was allegedly sexually assaulted during the trip.

Nephat Siziba of Toronto is charged with sexual assault. Police are concerned there may be other victims.

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BASEBALL

Wynne supports sportscaster decision on Cleveland team name

Premier Kathleen Wynne is taking a swing at the name of Cleveland's baseball team — and praising sportscasters for not using "Indians" in their broadcasts.

On the eve of the Toronto Blue Jays' American League Championship Series against Cleveland, Wynne said, "This is a moment to increase our awareness" of how hurtful such team names are to indigenous people.

"People are understanding the relationship between indigenous and non-indigenous people differently. There's lots happening: this is happening in the sports realm; we're changing the curriculum; the Truth and Reconciliation Commission, so there's a lot going on," she said Thursday.

"It's really a good thing that we see sportscasters changing their language," the premier said, hailing longtime Jays broadcaster Jerry Howarth, who has refused to use indigenous nicknames since the 1992 World Series when Toronto defeated the Atlanta Braves.

"I loved that and I loved his story about why he has done that. This isn't a new thing for him and I think it's just such a principled thing that he has done and I'm glad now that he's explaining that to people," added Ontario's most politically powerful Jays fan.

Protesters gather outside Progressive Field in Cleveland in April to protest the team's mascot. TONY DEJAK/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Cleveland's team has been known as the Indians since 1914.

On Tuesday, Horwath told The Jeff Blair Show on Sportsnet 590 The Fan that he has refrained from using the terms after a heartfelt letter from a fan from a northern Ontario First Nation.

"He said 'Jerry, I appreciate your work but in the World Series, it was so offensive to have the tomahawk chop and to have people talk about the powwows on the mound and then the Cleveland Indians logo and the Washington Redskins,'" the broadcaster recalled.

"For the rest of my career I will not say 'Indian' or 'Brave,' and if I was in the NFL I would not say 'Redskins,'" said Howarth, whose move inspired TV host Jamie Campbell.

"Like Jerry Howarth, I will attempt to avoid using the name of Cleveland's baseball team during our broadcasts," Sportsnet's Campbell said on Twitter.

Wynne said "for sportscasters and people who are close to the sporting world to be coming out and talking about this ... is really compelling."

"If it were language around another group we would see more it readily. Because it's indigenous people and we haven't really had the honest discussion up until now we've kind of turned away or haven't even recognized it as a problem," the premier said.

"Things that have just been accepted for years and years and years now will become, I think, quite quickly even more unacceptable."

Asked whether the Indians' nickname is racist or merely anachronistic, Wynne was philosophical.

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Island goers left on dock

WARD ISLAND

Winter ferry service labelled 'embarrassing'

May Warren
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After a particularly crowded afternoon trying to get to and from Toronto's Ward's Island, some frustrated ferrygoers are calling on the city to expand its fall service.

Tour guide Emery Ong thought it would be a beautiful day to take a group to the island Wednesday afternoon, but arrived at the ferry terminal to find crowds and chaos.

"We clearly weren't expecting to experience that, and frankly, for me as a guide I was very embarrassed for the city," he told Metro.

The winter ferry schedule kicked in Oct. 11 and it means a smaller ferry running less often, and only to Ward's Island, until April 12.

Ong, who takes tourists to the island "as long as the leaves are still on the trees," thinks the city should consider extending full service into the fall especially with warmer weather lasting well into October.

"People aren't just going to suddenly decide after Thanksgiving to stop going to the island," he said.

"Coming from the tourism industry, we're seeing larger and larger numbers of visitors coming to the city each year and obviously with the island being as popular as it is, people are going there."

Reduced ferry service on the winter schedule means it can be harder to get a spot. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE FILE

Bronwyn Clement also ran into a crowd trying to come back to the island on Wednesday.

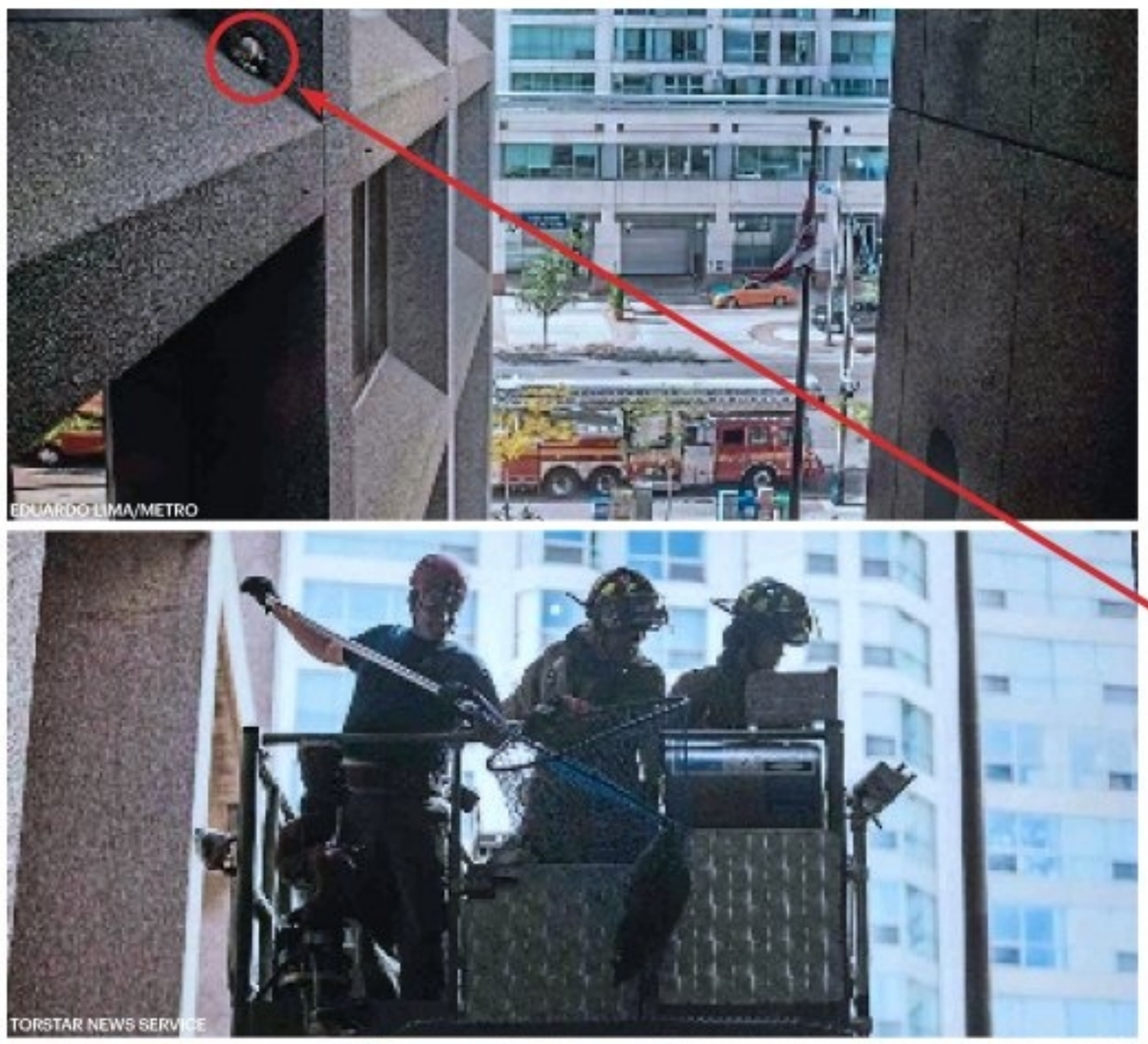
For Clement the experience speaks to a larger issue of ferry infrastructure not meeting demand or adapting to the new reality.

"With climate change September is still beach weather," she said.

> **"As more people are using the islands as a great downtown park, the infrastructure isn't there to support that.**
> Bronwyn Clement

City spokesman Matthew Cutler told Metro that during the winter season the only ferry that runs is the Ongiara, which holds fewer people but carries cars.

He added the city is in the process of replacing the "outdated" ferry fleet and the new ones will be able to carry more people faster.



Firefighters worked with Toronto Wildlife Centre staff to pull off a rescue of Scoop the raccoon, who spent days trapped on a window ledge of the Toronto Star building. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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Roving raccoon is scooped to safety

Scoop got scooped.

The baby raccoon that spent days trapped on a window ledge at the Toronto Star building has been rescued.

Toronto firefighters worked with Toronto Wildlife Centre staff to retrieve the little fur ball Thursday afternoon.

It was a tricky manoeuvre.

The fire department backed a ladder truck onto the sidewalk outside the Starbucks near the building's entrance. While the truck crew extended the ladder and basket towards the shivering Scoop, so nicknamed by Toronto Star staff, their colleagues stretched out a safety net and blanket below to catch the critter should he panic and fall.

Workers from the building lined the western stairwell just metres from Scoop while a crowd of around 50 passers-by formed on the sidewalk to watch the rescue.

As the rescue team approached, Scoop uncurled himself from a tight ball and peered over the ledge.

A wildlife centre staff member, accompanied in the fire truck bucket by two firefighters, threw a large net over the little raccoon, and dragged him free of the ledge. Scoop fought back, but was eventually lifted to safety.

Wildlife centre staff on scene would not say what will happen to the little critter now that he's been rescued. Calls to the centre's spokesperson were not immediately returned.

"He's pretty stressed out," said one worker, who would not give her name.

Security staff at the building said they first noticed Scoop on Tuesday, and contacted the Toronto Wildlife Centre to help bring the animal down to safety.

The centre initially decided to postpone the rescue for a couple of days, hoping the baby raccoon would find a way down itself as the building material, which appears to be gravel-like, should be easy for the species to climb.

On Wednesday afternoon, the raccoon made several attempts throughout the day to lower itself back down to the ground, but slipped dangerously and nearly fell several times before finding refuge in the corner of the ledge, closer to the window.

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IN BRIEF

Man charged over biggest drug bust in city history

Police have arrested and charged a Toronto man following a drug bust that's considered the "largest-value" in the history of the Toronto Police Services.

On Tuesday, Toronto police and the drug squad executed search warrants of the 32-year-old suspect's home and car in the McCowan Rd. and Ellesmere Rd. area.

As a result of the month-long investigation, called Project Polar, police seized 73 kilograms of cocaine, 12 kilograms of crystal meth and eight kilograms of MDMA, with a street value of $8.98 million. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Hydro One deal approved

The Ontario Energy Board has approved Hydro One's $373-million deal to buy Great Lakes Power Transmission, which operates north and east of Sault Ste. Marie, Ont.

In late January, Hydro One said it was acquiring Great Lakes from various entities controlled by Brookfield Infrastructure, which is part of a Toronto-based asset management group.

The former provincial Crown corporation announced it would pay $222 million in cash and assume $151 million of outstanding debt owed by Great Lakes, which has 15 transmission stations and 560 kilometres of transmission lines. As all regulatory approvals are complete, Hydro One expects to close the transaction on October 31. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Fish truck mess cleared

Westbound lanes on Highway 401 near Whites Rd. in Pickering have reopened after a single-vehicle collision involving a truck carrying fish closed the lanes for about 11 hours.

Police say they received a call for the single-vehicle collision involving the westbound truck at around 4 a.m. The truck struck a concrete median and burst into flames.

Drivers were warned of major delays in the area as officials worked to unload the fish before removing the truck from the scene. The driver of the truck has since been charged with careless driving, police said. There were no serious injuries reported.

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Morning hero — eco-villain

WASTE MANAGEMENT

City system can't handle single-serve coffee pods

May Warren
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Single use coffee pods have been piling up in landfills for years. Compostable ones have become available, but the city's recycling facilities can't process them. EDUARDO LIMA/METRO

If you were going to throw that compostable single-serve coffee pod into your Toronto green bin, think again.

Coffee pods have become an infamous eco-villain in recent years, piling up in landfills as coffee drinkers discard them.

Compostable coffee pods were recently launched by Toronto-based Club Coffee and are now being sold at Loblaws, but according to city staff the municipal waste system can't handle them.

Coun. Jaye Robinson is trying to shed some light on issue of just where coffee pods go and what can be done better.

She's moving a motion at next week's with a new motion at the Public Works and Infrastructure Committee asking staff to investigate whether other municipalities can compost the new pods and what would need to change in Toronto.

"It's very misleading, because you can't actually compost them," she said of the new pods. "If you put them in the green bin they are going to go right off the conveyor belt into the landfill site."

Jim McKay, general manager of solid waste management services, said single-use coffee pods are a problem because even the compostable ones are made of materials that need to be taken apart and disposed of differently.

> **It's very misleading because you can't actually compost them.**
> Coun. Jaye Robinson

"The facilities' equipment is not built to handle these types of products," he wrote in an email.

Bob Chant, senior vice president of corporate affairs at Loblaws wrote in an email that the pods are made "almost entirely" from plant-based materials and reclaimed coffee bean skins.

They've been certified 100 per cent compostable by the Biodegradable Products Institute, he added.

"However, municipalities and other composting facility operators have their own guidelines ... and we always encourage our customers to consult their local municipal waste authority."

Chant said Loblaws is open to working with Toronto to test the compostable pods.

NEUROLOGY

Concussion injuries not limited to sports arenas: Doctor

Hockey player Sidney Crosby and Blue Jays pitcher Francisco Liriano have been in the news on and off the field recently for health reasons; they suffered concussions.

While it is usually athletes' concussion that gets talked about, said Dr. Nick Reed, co-director and clinician scientist in Holland Bloorview, a concussion or brain injury can be caused by many things: a motor vehicle accident, tobogganing.

"Yes, sport is a risk factor," he said.

Holland Bloorview Kids Rehabilitation Hospital is partnering with Crescent School to shed light on what a concussion is, and what to do when someone has one.

"Concussion among kids is certainly a big concern right now," Reed said.

Most of the data available comes from children who are brought into the emergency room with concussions, he added.

"Many, many concussions are thought to be underreported."

Through the partnership, the hospital is conducting baseline testing on about 700 Crescent school children. The testing will be from Oct. 3 to 17.

In the event of a concussion, there will be good data to compare the child's health with, Reed explained.

"We get a snapshot of how someone's brain and body is functioning pre-injury, and, if an injury takes place, then we reassess those same areas and how that brain and body is functioning differently," he said.

> **Many, many concussions are thought to be underreported.**
> Dr. Nick Reed

This can lead to good follow-up care, which is "physician lead and rehab supported," he added.

When asked why it is important to talk about concussions, Crescent School headmaster, Michael Fellin said a generation ago it was deemed soft or not consistent with the tough notion of manhood, which led to men not being completely honest about injuries.

But that's changed, he said.

"Good men talk openly about health," Fellin said.

And perhaps talking about concussions could simply be a gateway into talking about all sorts of things related to a person's health.

Devan Hunter, who is in Grade 12, described a concussion he got from skiing. He said when he returned to school two days after his head injury, he wasn't able to focus.

"Sitting down and trying to listen to a lesson, I almost fell out of my chair," he said.

Hunter said it took him almost two months to get back to normal.

Grade 7 student, Jack Lambert said he had a concussion from playing hockey last February.

The injury made him tired and it was hard to focus in class.

While these injuries seem to be on the mild side, they are quite prevalent and a lot of people endure them, Reed said.

"Your head is something that is the most important thing to protect in your body," Hunter said. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Crescent School grade 9 student Greydon Watt, 14, performs a single long leap as baseline testing specialist Jocelyn Nullmeyer looks on. Holland Bloorview Kids Rehabilitation Hospital in conjunction with Crescent School, is establishing a baseline for future concussion research. CHRIS SO/ TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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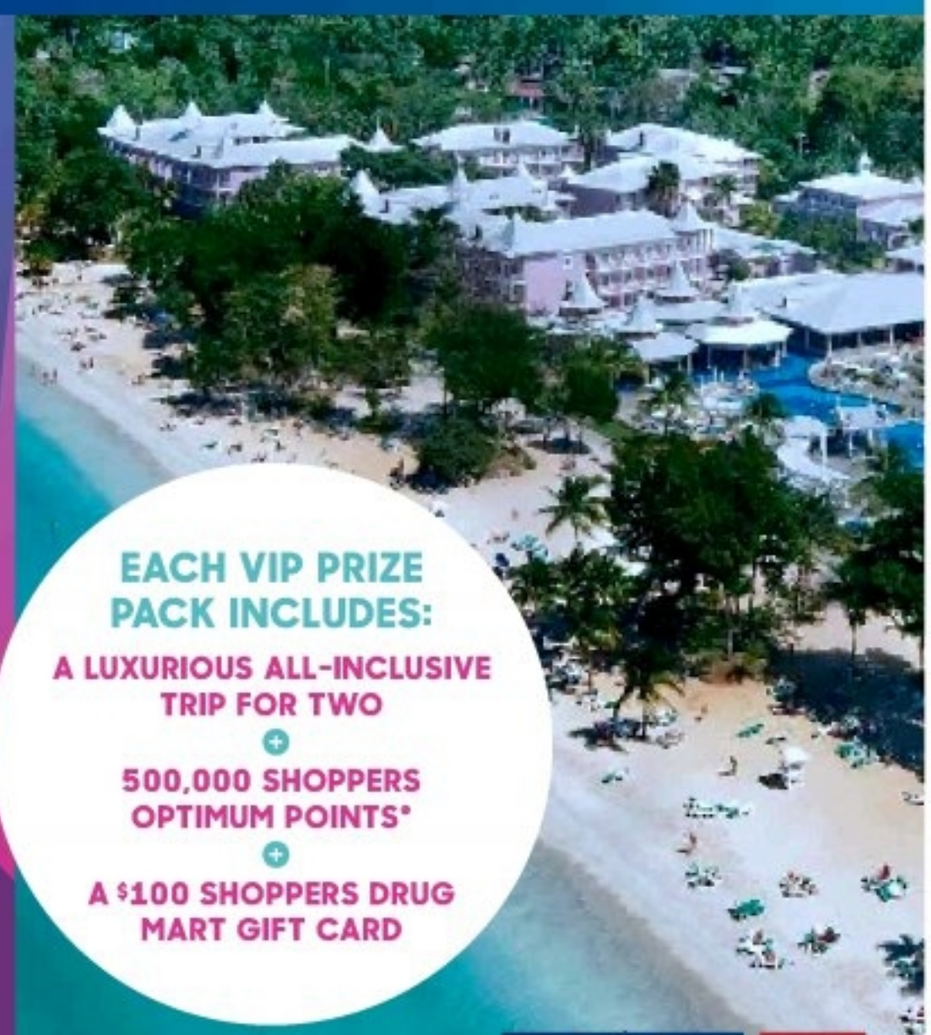

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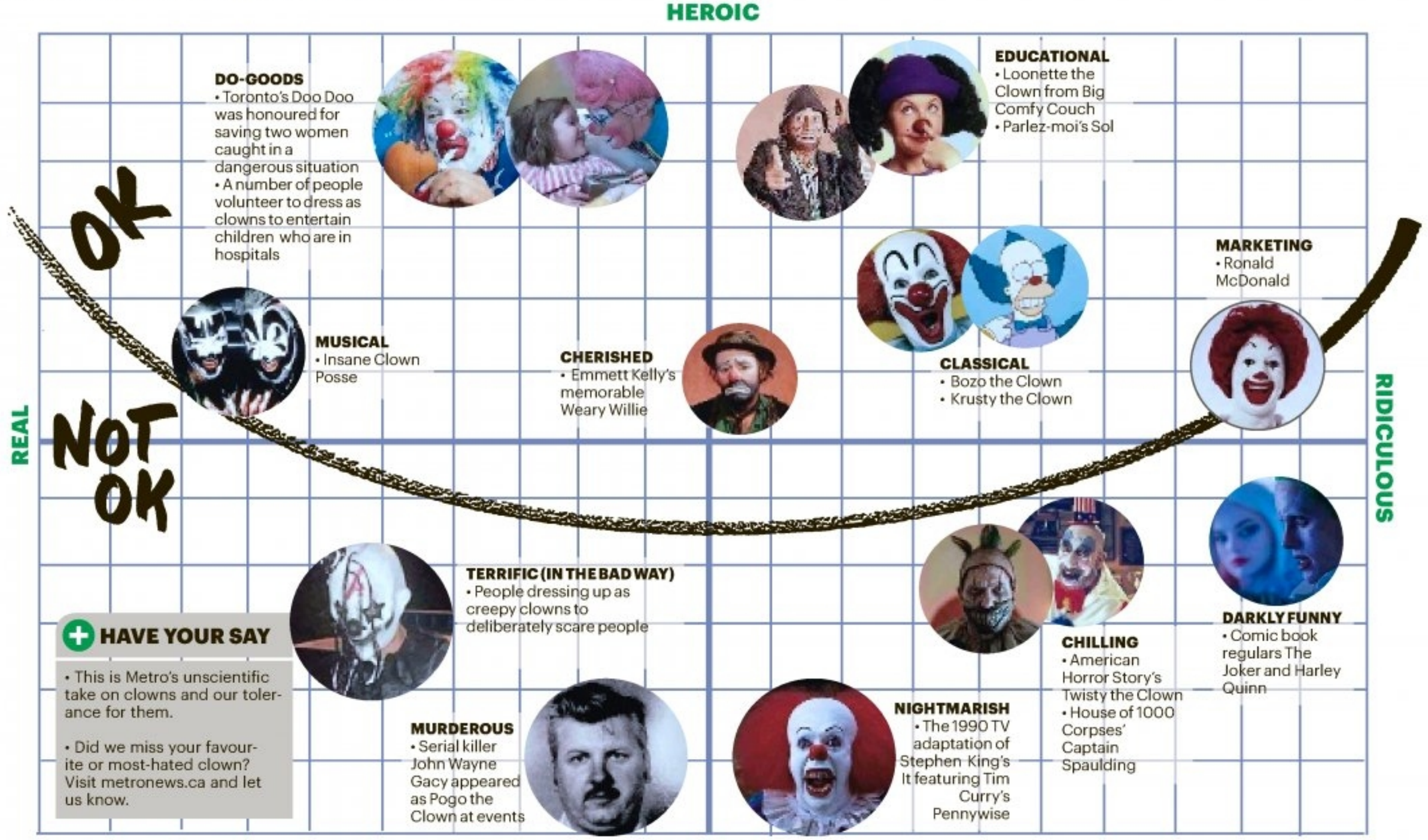
With their exaggerated smiles, noses and eyes, clowns hit the funny bone for some while triggering feelings of fear in others. Recent internet posts and out-of-the-circus clown sightings have sent schools into lockdowns, menaced neighbourhoods and placed those making their costumed-living entertaining others on the defensive. So — assuming recent clown sightings aren't a marketing ploy for the reboot of **Stephen King's It in Sept. 2017** — where does the tipping point exist between humour and horror? Metro decided to chart some famous and infamous, real and unreal, clowns to see where the line is drawn between promoter of joy and provocateur of terror. Send in the clowns. METRO CANADA



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PEDAL

Syrians looking for volunteer tutors

REFUGEES

Move in response to growing need for ESL classes

Gilbert Ngabo
Metro | Toronto

Local Syrians are helping new arrivals find their voice in Toronto.

Members of the Syrian Canadian Foundation — a community group formed last winter to help with integration of Syrian refugees — are looking for volunteers to help tutor English to hundreds of newcomers in Mississauga and Scarborough.

The project is a response to the growing number of newcomers stuck waiting to join ESL classes.

"It can take months of being on the waitlists, but this is an urgent issue," said Bayan Khatib, one of the organizers of the tutoring project. "We don't want these people to just sit there and wait while wasting their time. They need to get jobs and start living their lives, and it's hard without English skills."

Thousands of Syrians settled in Toronto and the GTA following the Liberal government's efforts to bring in 25,000 refugees earlier this year. Government-sponsored refugees get one year of financial support, during which they're supposed to learn English and be ready to live on their own.

About 20 volunteers have already signed up, and tutorials could start as soon as next week. Sessions will be organized at newcomers' homes or at nearby libraries or community centres.

The foundation has held sporadic sessions helping kids and youth get basic English skills, but they're now worried the one-year anniversary may pass before many adults get their chance in ESL.

The Syrian Canadian Foundation has run pop-up workshops teaching English skills to kids and youth. CONTRIBUTED

EDUCATION

Most contracts settled for schools

The Peel board has now wrapped up bargaining with all its teacher and staff unions after reaching a deal with adult instructors, leaving just two education contracts in Greater Toronto to be settled.

The Durham District School Board continues to negotiate with CUPE, which represents its continuing education instructors and the York Region public board is working on a first contract with its speech pathologists, members of the Ontario Secondary School Teachers' Federation.

The OSSTF, however, announced Thursday that it has settlements with all other boards, following a tentative deal reached in Rainy River with occasional high school teachers.

In 2015, OSSTF teachers went out on strike in three boards — job action that was later ruled unlawful. Earlier this year, high school teachers in Rainy River walked off the job one day each week to protest the prolonged talks.

"All in all, we finally now have all of our deals done under the School Boards Collective Bargaining Act," said OSSTF president Paul Elliott, who did not include the York deal because it's a first and will naturally take longer.

In Peel, Chair Janet McDougald welcomed news of its final settlement, with adult English-as-a-second-language instructors who are part of the Ontario Public Service Employees' Union.

Peel was one of the three boards hit by the OSSTF high-school teacher strike last year.

"By focusing on what's best for students and relying upon our positive, respectful relationships with our unions and federations, we have reached local settlements with all Peel District School Board employee groups," McDougald said via email.

"We appreciate the work of our negotiating team in helping us achieve these agreements that support our unwavering commitment to the success of all students."

Across Ontario, some 13 local contracts are still outstanding under the province's new two-tier bargaining system, which Education Minister Mitzie Hunter has said will undergo some "minor" changes before negotiations begin again next year.

TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Education unions still awaiting a contract

Of the 470 local agreements across Ontario to be reached with education workers and their boards, 12 have yet to be settled:

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Note: York's public board and its speech language pathologists, represented by the Ontario Secondary School Teachers' Federation, continue to negotiate their first contract.

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#METROARTSCHALLENGE

Our readers are poets. We know it

Another Metro challenge done: Good job artists, that was fun

Genna Buck
Metro | Toronto

Last week, your teetering towers of vertical poetry dwarfed our expectations. This time we asked you for rhyming couplets honouring your city in singsong rhyme. We got far too many to print.

Metro readers. Holy cow.

Your two-line poems made us say "WOW!."

This week's assignment is a seasonal special. And you don't have to make it scary — unless you want to.

We know you're going to squash our expectations with your Toronto-themed pumpkin carvings. We'll publish a selection of them before Halloween.

YOUR NEXT CHALLENGE

Carve a pumpkin with a Toronto theme — the more creative, the better — snap a picture and send it to genna.buck@metronews.ca, or tweet with the hashtag #MetroArtsChallenge.

COUPLET CHALLENGE WINNER

People are great, the poets are witty,

Welcome to the 6, this is my city.

High schooler **Jerusha Alvares** sent us this and several other smart and touching couplets. What a promising poet!

RUNNER-UP

Get lost on streets, sides of buildings gleam

There you will find the quintessence of Queen.

The lovely internal rhyme here with "quintessence" and "Queen" caught our attention. Bravo, **Joseph Dolo**!

THIRD PLACE

Love your neighbour is the way,

You'll be blessed and so will they.

Thanks for this reminder, **Helen Cappon**! It's one we could all use once in a while.

Here are some cool examples of slant rhyme — vowel sounds that are near-identical, but not precisely rhyming.

Different, though our values align

Is a sign you're in a Toronto state of mind

— Joseph Dolo

The meeting place of the Hurons, full of charming people,

from far and wide, the young, the old and the little.

— Zahir K. Dhalla

Some of our favourites

The Toronto Skyline I see
Sitting with my mom and me

So glorious and free
I really love my city
— Hue Huynh

Onto a subway seat he rests
his dirty shoes;
That is not what a nice
Torontonian should do!
— Yam-tin Martin Wong

O Toronto Summer!
When you were mine
I had not your time
And now that you're gone
I'm all forlorn
— Beulah

A slice on College or nachos on Queen
Patio and friends,a real Toronto scene!
— Tom Doyon

In Don Valley woods by DVP
An antlered deer walked next to me

And raised its rack toward the Science Centre
A building that it wished to enter.
— Gideon Forman

Metro Pass snug in my coat pocket
Streetcar thundering -they call it Red Rocket
— Elizabeth McMulkin

EVENT

Bookstore spotlights strangers' found footage

Chris Bateman
For Metro | Toronto

An evening spent watching the home movies of strangers might not be most people's idea of a good time, but the Home Movie History Project wants to change that this weekend.

The group of vintage video enthusiasts is hosting its annual event at the Monkey's Paw book shop (1267 Bloor St. West) Sunday evening, and organizers are promising a deep dive into the "exquisitely banal" world of amateur filmmaking from the 1930s to the 1970s.

"It's transporting to see into someone's living room in 1969," said Stephen Fowler, the owner of Monkey's Paw, which specializes in rare and old books.

The screening is strictly restricted to material shot on 8mm, 12mm, and Super 8 film (sorry, no 1980s camcorder footage), creating a window into a silent and forgotten world of Christmases, birthdays, and random private moments from generations ago.

Early home movie cameras couldn't record sound, so those who elect to show their movies at the new Monkey's Paw store near Lansdowne Avenue will get the chance to narrate the action and tell stories as they unfolds on the projection screen.

"There's a lot of historical information in these things, but there's also a kind of banality that is actually almost more poignant than the stuff that would be considered important," Fowler said.

"It's kind of haunted. It's a little bit ghostly."

> **To sit in a darkened room with the clacking of the projector is pretty romantic.**
> Stephen Fowler

The Monkey's Paw bookshop, which recently relocated to Bloor Street West, will be hosting a vintage home video film festival Sunday. EDUARDO LIMA/METRO

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CHINA

Political prisoner’s family fighting for his freedom

David P. Ball
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Wang Jin Huan, 73, holds a family portrait. In the picture is her brother Wang Bingzhang, who is serving a life sentence in a Chinese prison. JENNIFER GAUTHIER/METRO

Ti-Anna Wang has taken her father’s case before the Canadian and U.S. governments hoping to spur his release. CONTRIBUTED

On a quiet, 15-acre farm in Port Coquitlam, B.C., 35 km east of Vancouver, Wang Jin Huan looked out her window across the Pitt River.

Holding a framed family photo in her hands, the 73-year-old wiped her eyes with a crumple tissue when asked about her younger brother, imprisoned in China’s Shaoguan prison almost 10,000 km away.

“Every day, we think of how to get him out,” Jin Huan told Metro in her home. “He didn’t do any bad things. He just wanted China to be good and talked about human rights.”

Wang Bingzhang, now 69, twice braved his country’s ban on unauthorized political activities, publicly starting two pro-democracy opposition parties — under a regime notorious for its widespread use of torture, disappearances and mass executions, according to Amnesty International.

Despite Bingzhang being denied visitors for four years, one thing Jin Huan does know for certain: her brother spends much of his time thinking about his family, scattered across Canada but united in their crusade to get the Canadian government to take up his case.

Jin Huan smiled proudly as she showed a photograph of Bingzhang’s daughter in Montreal.

“She was born in 1989, after the Tiananman Square (massacre),” Ji Huan said. “So her name is Ti-Anna, for Tiananman.”

Ti-Anna has spearheaded the family’s fight, maintaining a website on his case and meeting with Canadian and U.S. officials.

She was 13 when her father disappeared in Vietnam, only to resurface in Chinese prison facing what human rights organizations allege were politically motivated charges of spying and terrorism.

Global Affairs Canada said his case “is of serious concern,” though noting he’s a Chinese not Canadian citizen. In an email, spokeswoman Kristine Racicot said Canada “has raised the case repeatedly with the Government of China,” most recently during Prime Minister Justin Trudeau’s Chinese visit last month.

The government also backed a recent United Nations call for China to “release immediately and without conditions all political prisoners,” she added.

“Obviously, we want a bigger commitment — for them to be more vocal,” Ti-Anna said. “But this is huge progress compared to the previous government.”

Amnesty International Canada’s secretary-general told Metro that Bingzhang’s case “is a complete human rights travesty.”

“There’s not a shred of evidence that gives any support to China’s allegation,” Alex Neve said in a phone interview. “Everything has been so unbelievably secretive about his case.

“Instead, we have a man who has been locked up cruelly, in harsh conditions of solitary confinement … for 14 years.”

He argued the human rights situation in China “remains dire, and if anything in recent years has deteriorated.”

“Human rights organizations, human rights defenders and human rights lawyers are increasingly coming under siege,” Neve said. “They’re being arrested, a number have even disappeared in police custody … It’s a very worrying sign.

“It is increasingly clear that China is less and less concerned or interested in what the rest of the world thinks about human rights issues.”

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Roundabouts gaining ground across Canada

TRAFFIC

Design reduces conflicts to eight from 32, expert says

Vehicles travel through a roundabout in Halifax. Studies have shown that roundabouts are safer than traditional stop sign or signal-controlled intersections. THE CANADIAN PRESS

They evoke some of the world's most impressive crossroads — the Place de l'Etoile in Paris, Manhattan's Columbus Circle — and have a remarkable capacity to calm traffic and ease accidents.

But, as the roundabout becomes increasingly common in Canada, they can also evoke a certain panic: Confused motorists have been known to go the wrong way, fail to yield, or try to back up in them.

"We've observed all sorts of behaviours," said Keith Boddy, a roundabout specialist with the Transportation Association of Canada.

"The good news is most of those incidents don't result in serious injury or other challenges because people are going slower."

A typical intersection creates about 32 plausible vehicle conflicts with other drivers, pedestrians and cyclists, said Ed Miska, executive director of engineering services for B.C.'s Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure.

Roundabouts reduce that to eight conflicts, even if people still find innovative ways of getting them wrong.

Boddy estimates there are now about 400 roundabouts across the country, as Canada and the U.S. slowly catch up to a roadway design that has been widespread in the United Kingdom and France for decades.

Quebec has built around 100 of them since the late 1990s. The Waterloo Region in Ontario has about 25 and there are 33 in B.C.'s provincial highway network. Halifax has installed several in recent years, and is adding more.

It costs about $2 million to build either a traditional signalled version or a roundabout, said Boddy, depending on local construction costs. Circular designs tend to require more land and must fit in with traffic flow, he added.

Miska said roundabouts reduce traffic queues and make U-turns easier. They're the first option considered for new intersections in B.C., he said, but they must make sense depending on terrain and existing road works.

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INVESTING

Robo-advisers appeal to younger people

Robo-advisers are a great choice for young investors, says Jason Heath, a fee-only financial planner with Objective Financial Partners.

The digital investment services are ideal for those who only require portfolio management for a specific savings goal and don't need to get into the more personal aspects of wealth management such as taxes and retirement or estate planning, he says.

To set up an account, robo-advisers ask a series of online questions to determine one's savings goal and risk tolerance before creating a diversified portfolio using an appropriate mix of low-cost equity and bond exchange-traded funds (ETFs).

"The management fee the robo-advisers charge tends to be around the half per cent range," says Heath.

As for how much investment money you need to open a robo-adviser account, some services such as Wealthsimple have no account minimums.

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IN BRIEF

Visiting French PM says world 'rejected' Trump

France's Prime Minister Manuel Valls, on a two-day visit to Canada, said he supports Hillary Clinton over Donald Trump. U.S. President Barack Obama was "elected by the world" and "Trump is rejected by the world," Valls said. Prime Minister Justin Trudeau would only say he "has stood clearly and strongly all my life around issues of sexual harassment."

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Donors take up the slack

A new report from the Canadian Federation of Humane Societies says 45 per cent of the $187.8 million in revenue collected by member agencies in 2014 came from donations — with 85 of those donations coming from individuals.

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Yemen: Nation at war

CONFLICT

U.S. Navy says it has destroyed three Houthi radar sites

By firing missiles into Yemen, the United States likely will be further entangled in a stalemate war in the Arab world's poorest country, a conflict it has sought to extract itself from in. But who exactly is fighting in Yemen and what does the U.S. have to do it with it?

Tribesmen loyal to Houthi rebels hold their weapons on Oct. 2, as they chant slogans during a gathering to mobilize more fighters into battlefronts in Yemeni cities. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

1 THE BEGINNING OF WAR Yemen, on the southern edge of the Arabian Peninsula, has been in the midst of a civil war since September 2014. That's when Shiite rebels, known as Houthis, swept into the capital of Sanaa and overthrew the country's government. Houthi allies include forces loyal to Yemen's former President Ali Abdullah Saleh and have the backing of Shiite power Iran. In March 2015, a Saudi-led coalition of Arab countries began a military campaign against the Houthi forces, saying its mission served in part as a counterbalance to Iran's influence.

2 A STALLED OFFENSIVE Since launching its campaign, the Saudi-led coalition retook the port city of Aden and lands in southern Yemen. However, Sanaa and the Houthi heartland of northern Yemen remain held by the rebels. A ground offensive to retake the capital, which likely would involve street-by-street fighting and heavy casualties, appears unlikely. Instead, the Saudi-led campaign has relied on airstrikes. However, a UN report said coalition airstrikes were responsible for 60 percent of civilian deaths over a yearlong span starting in July 2015.

3 AN INCREASINGLY WARY U.S. After the Sept. 11, 2001, terror attacks, the U.S. launched drone strikes against suspected al-Qaida militant targets in the country from a local military base and provided Yemen with hundreds of millions of dollars in security assistance. American troops were evacuated from Yemen amid the latest Houthi push, but airstrikes targeting al-Qaida have continued. U.S. forces offered targeting guidance to the Saudi-led coalition and logistical assistance at the beginning of their campaign.

4 EXCHANGING MISSILE FIRE The USS Mason, an American destroyer, has come under missile fire twice in recent days in the Red Sea from Houthi-held territory in Yemen, according to the U.S. Navy. In response, the Navy said it fired Tomahawk missiles at three coastal radar sites held by the Houthis — the first direct American attack in the war. The U.S. also says the missiles fired by the Houthis appear to be Iranian. While Iran denies arming the Houthis, the Navy says it has intercepted boats carrying Iranian weapons likely heading for Yemen.
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

IN BRIEF

Guterres promises 'diplomacy for peace'
Antonio Guterres pledged Thursday to make the pursuit of peace in a conflict-torn world his "overarching priority" after being elected the next secretary-general of the United Nations.

The former UN refugee chief told the members of the UN General Assembly that he will be promoting a new "diplomacy for peace" advocating dialogue.
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

SYRIA

65 dead in Aleppo over three days: Activists

Overnight shelling and over a dozen airstrikes on rebel-held parts of the Syrian city of Aleppo killed at least 11 people, bringing the death toll over the last three days in the embattled city to at least 65, activists said Thursday.

Meanwhile, rebel shelling of government-held areas in the divided city killed two girls at a school. The airstrikes came a day after an air raid hit eastern Aleppo's biggest market, killing at least 15 people and levelling buildings.

Aleppo's unabating violence has given additional urgency to the upcoming meeting between Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov and U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry on efforts to find a peace deal in Syria in Switzerland on Saturday.

It will be the first face-to-face contact between the two men since Washington broke off bilateral diplomatic contact with Moscow on Syria over the violence in Aleppo earlier this month. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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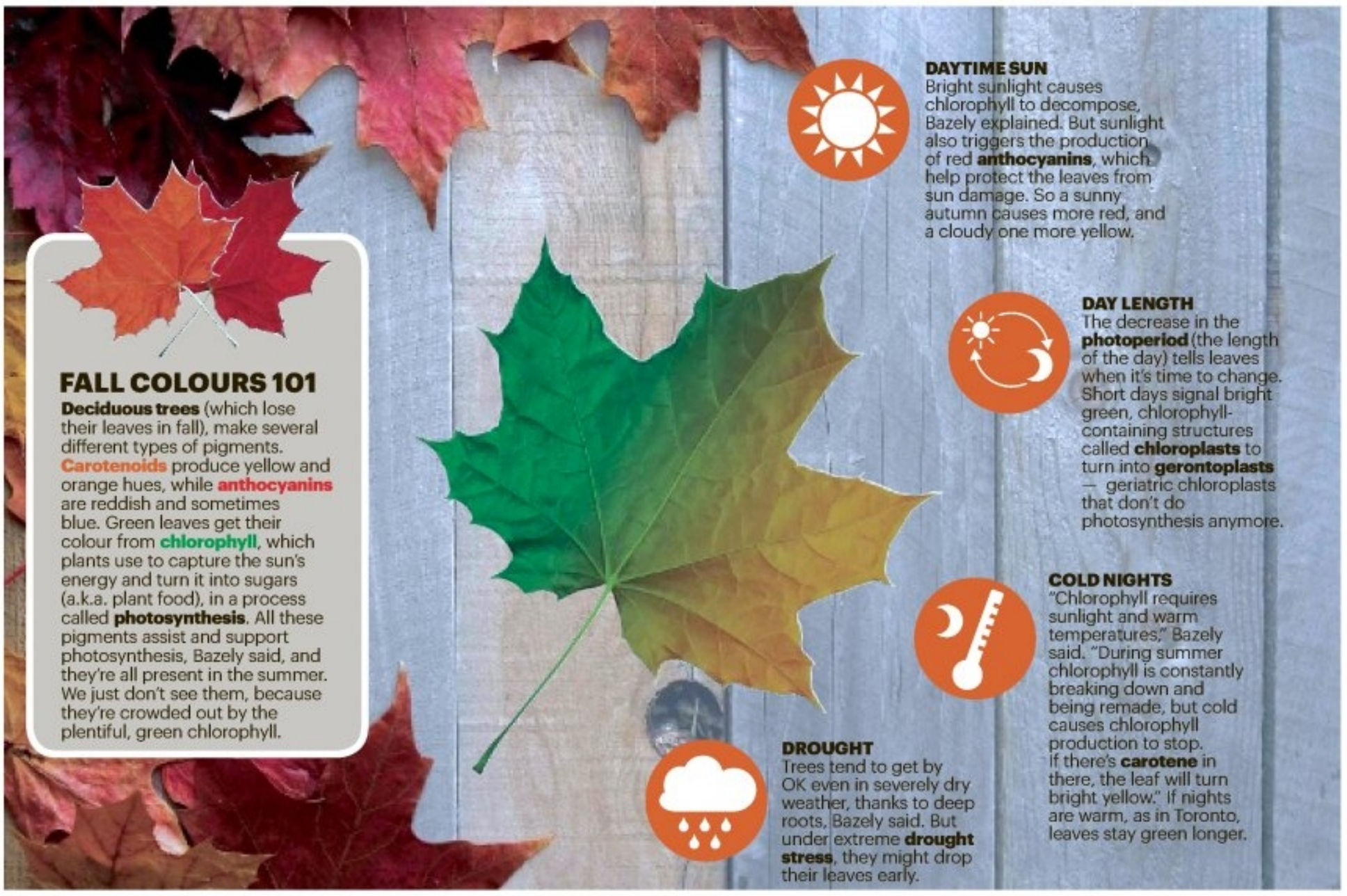
WHY ARE THE LEAVES CHANGING LATE?

Do boring fall bike rides through Toronto have you feeling green with envy over parts of Canada where brilliant colours have begun? Every autumn, shortening days set off a series of genetic changes in trees. A build-up of cells at the base of leaves cuts off the flow of nutrients: That's part of it. But many other factors determine when and how the leaves change. **York University biologist Dawn Bazely explains.**



FALL COLOURS 101

Deciduous trees (which lose their leaves in fall), make several different types of pigments. **Carotenoids** produce yellow and orange hues, while **anthocyanins** are reddish and sometimes blue. Green leaves get their colour from **chlorophyll**, which plants use to capture the sun's energy and turn it into sugars (a.k.a. plant food), in a process called **photosynthesis**. All these pigments assist and support photosynthesis, Bazely said, and they're all present in the summer. We just don't see them, because they're crowded out by the plentiful, green chlorophyll.

DAYTIME SUN
Bright sunlight causes chlorophyll to decompose, Bazely explained. But sunlight also triggers the production of red **anthocyanins**, which help protect the leaves from sun damage. So a sunny autumn causes more red, and a cloudy one more yellow.

DAY LENGTH
The decrease in the **photoperiod** (the length of the day) tells leaves when it's time to change. Short days signal bright green, chlorophyll-containing structures called **chloroplasts** to turn into **gerontoplasts** — geriatric chloroplasts that don't do photosynthesis anymore.

COLD NIGHTS
"Chlorophyll requires sunlight and warm temperatures," Bazely said. "During summer chlorophyll is constantly breaking down and being remade, but cold causes chlorophyll production to stop. If there's **carotene** in there, the leaf will turn bright yellow." If nights are warm, as in Toronto, leaves stay green longer.

DROUGHT
Trees tend to get by OK even in severely dry weather, thanks to deep roots, Bazely said. But under extreme **drought stress**, they might drop their leaves early.

CITIZEN SCIENTIST by Genna Buck

In defence of weird science

I'm not answering a question this week. Instead: A story.

On Wednesday, I had the opportunity to speak to Science Minister Kirsty Duncan on the phone. She was very nice, but had only a few minutes, sounded slightly out of breath, and, I presume, had a battalion of PR staff breathing down her neck and feeding her talking points. Being a politician seems like it sucks.

Here's something we were able to talk about, briefly: The disproportionate science funding (not just in Canada) that goes to "applications" and "innovation." It's about deploying money strategically in times of scarcity, and having something to show for it.

It seems reasonable and prudent. It's taxpayer money, after all. And I'm not knocking practicality.

Except fundamental science is often the opposite of practical, especially at first. And that makes it a hard sell. It means letting scientists judged to be brilliant by their peers just go off and do their own thing for a while, with as few strings as possible. And having faith that at least some of the time, they're going to come back with something great.

I'm reminded of the legendary Canadian biologist Tony Pawson, who was nominated for a Nobel year after year for his work on cell signalling, but never won. I didn't get to meet him before he passed away in 2013, but friends and colleagues said he got little public recognition because his work was so new and so technically complex that most people didn't get why it was so revolutionary.

Yet much of modern cell biology rests on what he found. And his work led to the development of an important leukemia drug.

Three of the new Canada Excellence Research Chair positions Minister Duncan announced this week are for open areas of inquiry "that will benefit Canadians." I wonder if, to unlock the potential of this investment, she might consider striking off that last criteria. It could be the key to creating the next big Canadian science success story.

Science Question? Tweet @genna_buck

FINDINGS
Your week in science

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BIRD FLU GOES VIRAL
A team including scientists from Guelph, Ont. has discovered the 2014-2015 global outbreak of H5N8 influenza was spread in part by migrating wild birds carrying the virus from poultry farms in South Korea.

MARS MADNESS
President Obama wants astronauts on the red planet by the 2030s, but the trip could end in tragedy. A study of radiation in rats suggests mars-tronauts could develop chronic dementia from exposure to space.

SOUND SMART

DEFINITION
Senescence is the process of aging in cells. It happens when cells stop dividing, change their function, but haven't died (yet). **Cellular senescence** is what's going on in your cells while you're undergoing **organismal senescence** (a.k.a., getting old).

USE IT IN A SENTENCE
Leaves changing colour in the fall is also called **autumn senescence**, because the cells stop growing and stop producing chlorophyll.

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This weekend Ben Affleck plays an accountant with autism and a violent side in The Accountant, which also stars Anna Kendrick. CONTRIBUTED

Crooks with pocket protectors

THE ACCOUNTANT

This dull profession still gets its time in the limelight

Richard Crouse
For Metro Canada

Ben Affleck plays the title role in the thriller The Accountant.

"Like, a CPA accountant?" asks a Treasury Department worker. "Not quite," replies agent Ray King (J. K. Simmons) in what might be the understatement of the year.

Affleck is a pocket-protector-wearing forensic accountant who "risks his life cooking the books for some of the scariest people on the planet: drug cartels, arms brokers, money launderers, assassins." A math genius with autism and a violent side, he survives his dangerous world through dual facilities for arithmetic and mayhem. "He's a very distinct and unusual character," Affleck told Entertainment Weekly. "A little bit different than your average, everyday person in the way he processes information and social thinking, and the way he sees numbers and logic, and that he's trapped a little bit in his own mind."

Affleck joins a long list of actors who have looked for loopholes, legal, financial and otherwise, on the big screen.

MOVIE RATINGS by Richard Crouse

The Accountant	★★★★
American Honey	★★
Christine	★★★
Unless	★★★

HOW RATING WORKS
★★★★ SEE IT
★★★ WORTHWHILE
★★ UP TO YOU
★ SKIP IT

The late, great Gene Wilder became a star playing bookkeeper Leo Bloom in The Producers. "I spend my life counting other people's money. People I'm smarter than." Bloom comes up with the get-rich-quick scheme to mount a terrible Broadway musical and make off with the investor's cash when the show flops. His plan falls apart when Springtime for Hitler becomes a hit but his business partner still has good things to say. "You're an accountant," raves Max Bialystock. "You're in a noble profession! The word 'count' is part of your title!"

Rick Moranis played Louis Tully, an accountant possessed by an ancient spirit in Ghostbusters. Before he goes all supernatural Louis throws a bash to celebrate his fourth anniversary as an auditor at his swanky Central Park West apartment. "I'm givin' this whole thing as a promotional expense," he says, "that's why I invited clients instead of friends." The scene was shot in one continuous take with Moranis making his way through the party, improvising perfectly nerdy dialogue —"This is real smoked salmon from Nova Scotia, Canada, $24.95 a pound! It only cost me $14.12 after tax, though."

In The Untouchables, Charles Martin Smith plays Oscar Wallace, the bespectacled book balancer who puts together the tax evasion case against notorious mobster Al Capone. The character was largely based on Frank Wilson, the IRS Criminal Investigator who spent years keeping tabs on Capone's financial dealings before laying charges. A self-penned article on his exploits, He Trapped Capone, inspired the 1949 Glenn Ford film The Undercover Man.

Cher initially turned down the Oscar-winning role of Loretta Castorini, the widowed accountant in Moonstruck who falls for a one-handed baker. Though exhausted from one of the busiest years of her career, she ultimately took the part. When Moonstruck was done she took a week off before shooting the courtroom drama Suspect.

Bloom, Tully, Wallace and Castorini are reel life bookkeepers, but in real life several actors almost chose figures over fame. Bob Newhart worked the ledger books for United States Gypsum and Eddie Izzard studied accountancy at the University of Sheffield.

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JT's concert film the full force of pop spectacle

NETFLIX

Singer's world tour a chance to 'Timberlake and Chill'

Justin Timberlake's desire to make a concert film could be traced directly back to when he saw Jonathan Demme's iconic 1984 Talking Heads concert film Stop Making Sense.

"There's just no other concert film like it," Timberlake said in a recent interview. "It changed the way I saw concerts from then on out."

When the pop star-actor met with Demme to discuss a script, Timberlake couldn't help gushing — to an embarrassing degree, he says — to the director.

Though that project never materialized, Timberlake thought of Demme immediately when the idea of making a film from his 2013-2015 20/20 Experience world tour came up.

"It wasn't about him being the first choice," says Timberlake. "He was the only choice."

With a quick phone call to Demme, it was a done deal.

"It was the easiest. Stop Making Sense was pretty easy, too, but that time I had to call David Byrne and spend half-an-hour convincing him to make the movie," Demme said with a chuckle in a separate interview. "I've been obsessed with working with Justin in a film ever since I saw him in The Social Network."

The film, Justin Timberlake and the Tennessee Kids, hit Netflix on Wednesday, lending the streaming platform a megawatt dose of Timberlake's fluid, seemingly effortless stardom. He has touted it as an opportunity to "Timberlake and Chill."

With Demme's cameras trained squarely on the singer, the film captures the wide range of Timberlake, whose silky-smooth performance is like a 21st century hybrid of Frank Sinatra and Michael Jackson. Both are repeatedly referenced throughout Timberlake's performance.

"It's a concert film but it's the most personal film I've made about creating music," says Timberlake, whose 2013 20/20 Experience album was his first in seven years. "It was a really great time for me in my career and what was happening in my life."

Stop Making Sense chronicles the steady swell of Byrne's funk extravaganza: It begins with him on a bare stage with an acoustic guitar and builds to a teaming ensemble and Byrne in an oversized suit.

But Justin Timberlake and the Tennessee Kids is the full force of a pop spectacle, with giant screens, laser lights, backup dancers and a moving platform.

It's a new groove for Demme, a filmmaker who moves between fiction films (The Silence of the Lambs, Philadelphia, Rachel Getting Married) and performance documentaries (Neil Young: Heart of Gold, Spalding Gray's Swimming to Cambodia).

Timberlake's Vegas shows came after 14 months of touring and more than 130 shows.

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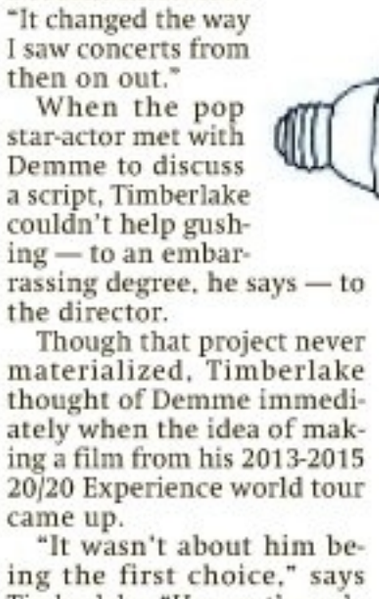

Justin Timberlake and the Tennessee Kids, which hits Netflix on Wednesday.
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SYNCING UP WITH JUSTIN

Two cameras remain on Timberlake throughout: one giving Demme a close-up for every single moment, the other a head-to-toe shot. But that's only the foundation of Demme's approach. From there, he mixes in closely observed footage that captures the interplay of musicians and dancers, and the close-knit family of performers.

AWARD

Dylan wins Nobel Prize for Literature

Singer-songwriter Bob Dylan won the 2016 Nobel Prize in literature on Thursday, a stunning announcement that for the first time bestowed the prestigious award on a musician for "having created new poetic expressions within the great American song tradition."

Reporters and others who gathered at the Swedish Academy's headquarters in Stockholm's Old Town reacted with a loud cheer as his name was read out.

Dylan, 75, is the most iconic poet-musician of his generation. Songs such as Blowin' in the Wind and The Times They Are A-Changin' became anthems for the U.S. anti-war and civil rights movements of the 1960s. He is the first American winner of the Nobel literature prize since Toni Morrison in 1993.

Dylan's impact on popular culture was immense and his influence as a lyricist extends to every major music figure and songwriter of the last 50 years, from the Beatles to Bruce Springsteen, Bono, Ed Sheeran and beyond.

Generally described as a rock musician, Dylan has been influenced by numerous musical styles, including country, gospel, blues, folk, pop, and rhythm and blues. He pursued them all, sometimes separately and other times simultaneously, establishing a towering influence.

But although he had been mentioned in Nobel speculation for years, many experts had ruled him out, thinking the academy wouldn't extend its more than a century-old award to the world of music.

They were wrong. The academy's permanent secretary, Sara Danius, said while Dylan performs his poetry in the form of songs, that's no different from the ancient Greeks, whose works were often performed to music.

"Bob Dylan writes poetry for the ear," she said. "But it's perfectly fine to read his works as poetry."

Danius said that a "great majority" on the 18-member Nobel panel voted for Dylan. She said her personal favourites among Dylan's songs include Chimes of Freedom and Visions of Johanna, and suggested that people unfamiliar with Dylan's music start by listening to his 1966 album Blonde on Blonde.

Writers, musicians and even heads of state commented on the Nobel academy's choice on Twitter. British author Salman Rushdie, whose name is often mentioned in the Nobel Literature Prize speculation, called Dylan "the brilliant inheritor of the bardic tradition. Great choice."

Scottish novelist Irvine Welsh was less impressed, however.

"I'm a Dylan fan, but this is an ill-conceived nostalgia award wrenched from the rancid prostates of senile, gibbering hippies," he tweeted.

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Bob Dylan's music has influenced everyone from The Beatles to Bruce Springsteen and Bono. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

"I'm a Dylan fan, but this is an ill-conceived nostalgia award wrenched from the rancid prostates of senile.
Novelist Irving Welsh

Role of vagabond comes naturally

Rookie actress Sasha Lane plays an 18-year-old from a troubled home, in **American Honey.** HANDOUT

AMERICAN HONEY

Sasha Lane talks about her accidental acting break

These days Sasha Lane is waiting for her next big film role, but not so long ago the 21-year-old American Honey star was waiting tables at a Mexican restaurant in Texas.

After a talent scout told her, "You have a face for movies," she left the eatery to embark on what she calls "the biggest blessing of my life."

With acting on her mind she answered an ad looking for people who were "wild, physical, fearless and ready for adventure. No acting experience required."

Her natural charisma impressed British director Andrea Arnold, who cast her in the lead role of a two-hour-and-40-minute faux cinema vérité road movie that sees her play Star, an 18-year-old from a troubled home.

Her character's ticket out of the dysfunction she has grown up with is a travelling band of magazine sellers led by the charismatic Jake (Shia LaBeouf) and Krystal (Riley Keough).

For two months, Lane hit the highway, travelling the dusty back roads of the American Midwest shooting a movie that was part scripted, part improvisation.

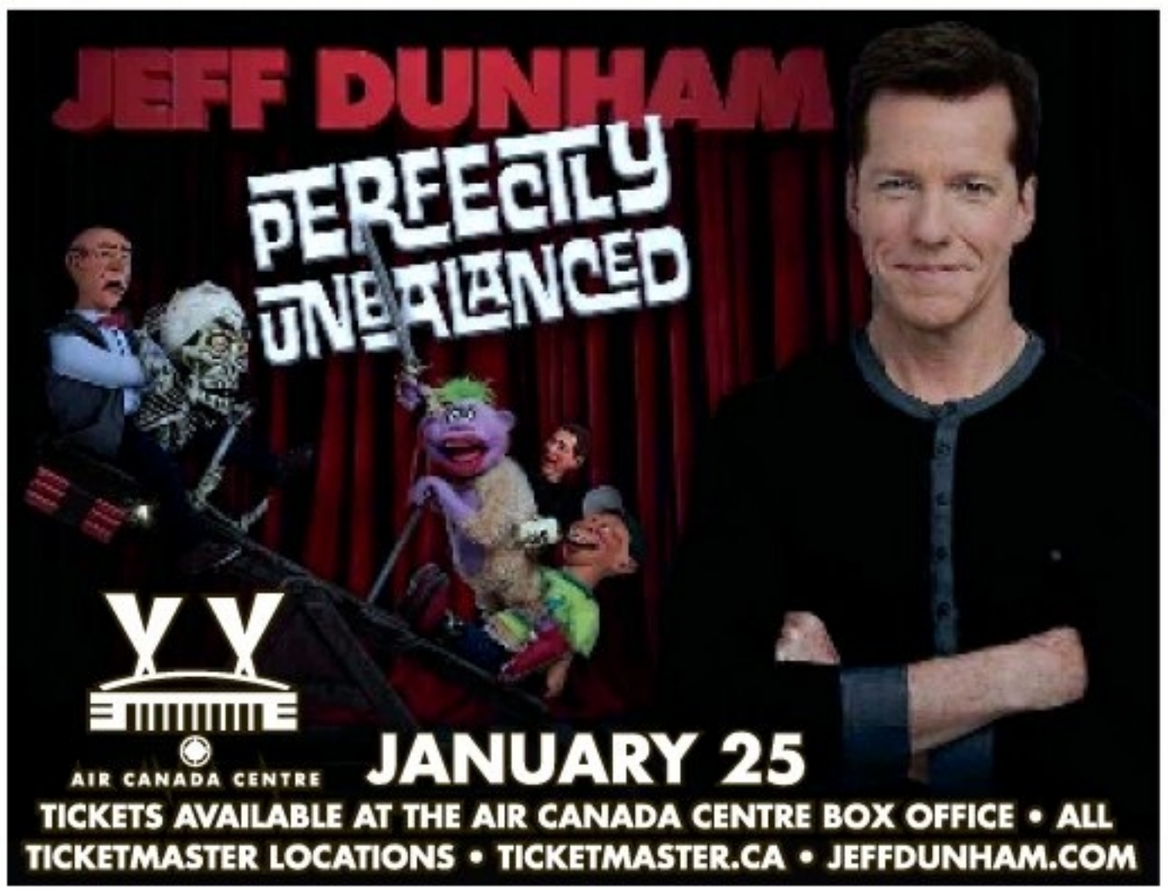
"We got sides the day before and the day of," Lane says.

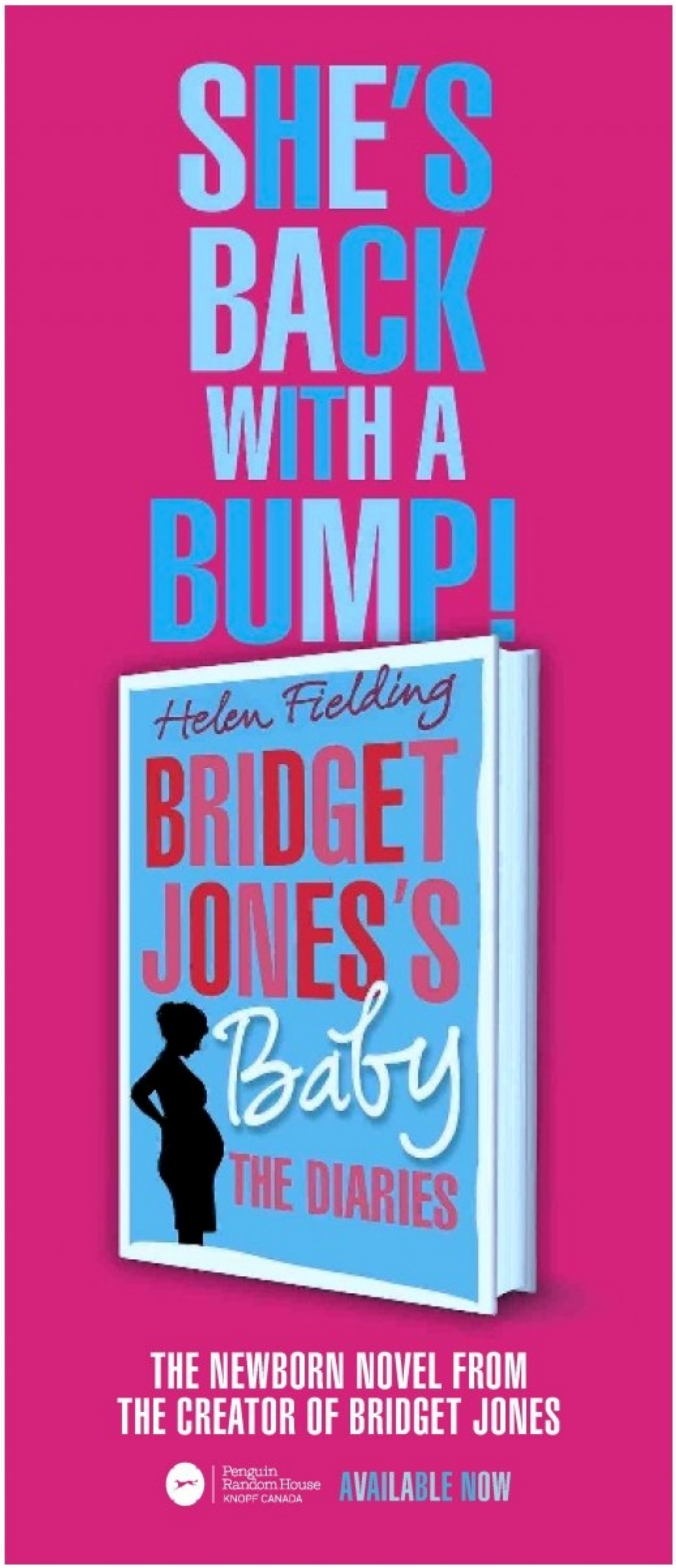
"The scenes between Krystal and me were more scripted. This is the word, these are the lines. Some of the scenes where I'm in the van with the kids were more like, 'I need you to mention that. Get from point 'a' to point 'b.' Go with it. Fill it out a little bit."

It was a process of discovery for the first-time actress as she learned about her character as the shoot wove its way across country. "I didn't know much about my character or much about what was happening," Lane says, "but Andrea would say to me stuff like, 'Sasha, you're representing all the girls who go through this.'

"I was thinking, 'don't be scared. You get to do this and in a way it's what you've always wanted to do.' I was studying psychology and social work in college. This is an artistic way to do what I wanted to do.

Life on the shoot was all encompassing —"You're in this bubble," she says. "I didn't have outside thoughts."— but not always exciting. "There was a lot of sitting in parking lots," she laughs. RICHARD CROUSE/METRO





The man who steals subways

OFF THE RAILS

A lifelong obsession with transit has serious effects

Steve Gow
For Metro Canada

You may think you love the subway as much as the next person, but you haven't met Darius McCollum yet.

The 51-year-old New Yorker was so enamored with city transit, he developed a lifelong obsession that led to stealing buses and trains in the simple desire to safely drive them to their appropriate destination.

"I love stories about imposters," admitted filmmaker Adam Irving, who captures McCollum's incredible passion for stealthily stealing transit in the acclaimed documentary Off The Rails.

"I'm very impressed and intrigued by people who can go their whole lives pretending to be someone else."

But as the film points out, the root of McCollum's obsession also has a dark side. Afflicted by Asperger's syndrome, McCollum's motives originate from a form of autism that produces highly skilled (but narrow) interests in those affected.

"He had this amazing memory," recalled Irving, admitting McCollum was so familiar with the New York subway system, he could name all 469 stations.

That childlike enthusiasm may have made him "less like a criminal" to Irving, but it hasn't stopped Manhattan's most reliable bus-jacker from having to pay a price for his actions.

In fact, his harmless preoccupation with pilfering public transportation led McCollum to spending nearly half his life in jail — surely a sort of crime in itself.

"It's not just about Darius, it's about this flawed system that needs to be fixed," insisted Irving.

"This is a real tragedy of a man with a passion who could have led a very fulfilling life (but) he just fell through the cracks and had his whole life screwed and we need to do something about it."

While Irving hopes the film reveals the justice system's shortcomings in dealing with sufferers of mental health, the shocking truth is, Darius McCollum actually has no regrets about spending time in prison.

"Because of his Asperger's, Darius thrives on the routine," said Irving. "He feels very calm because he knows what's going to happen. Ironically, the only place where he's not at ease is as a free man trying to make it in the world — that's where he panics, steals a bus, gets arrested and goes back to jail where everything's OK."

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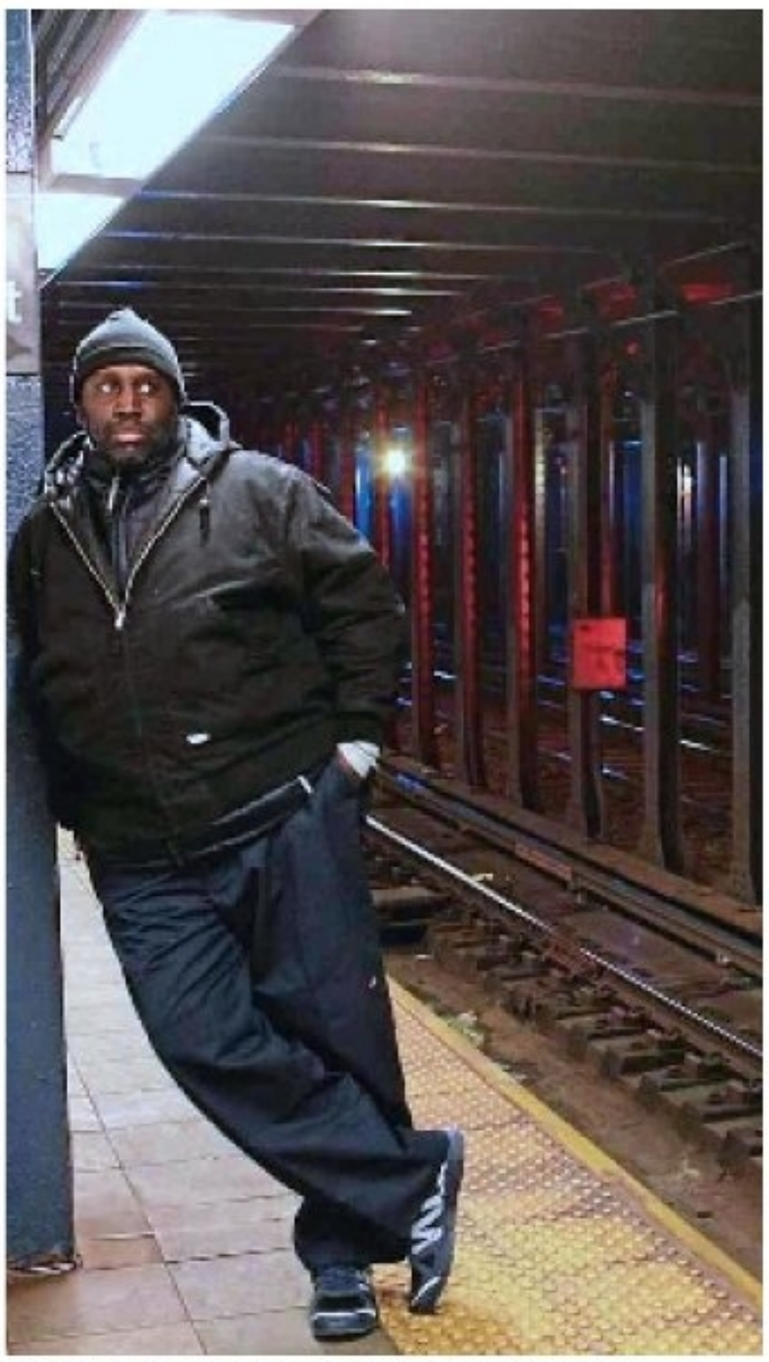

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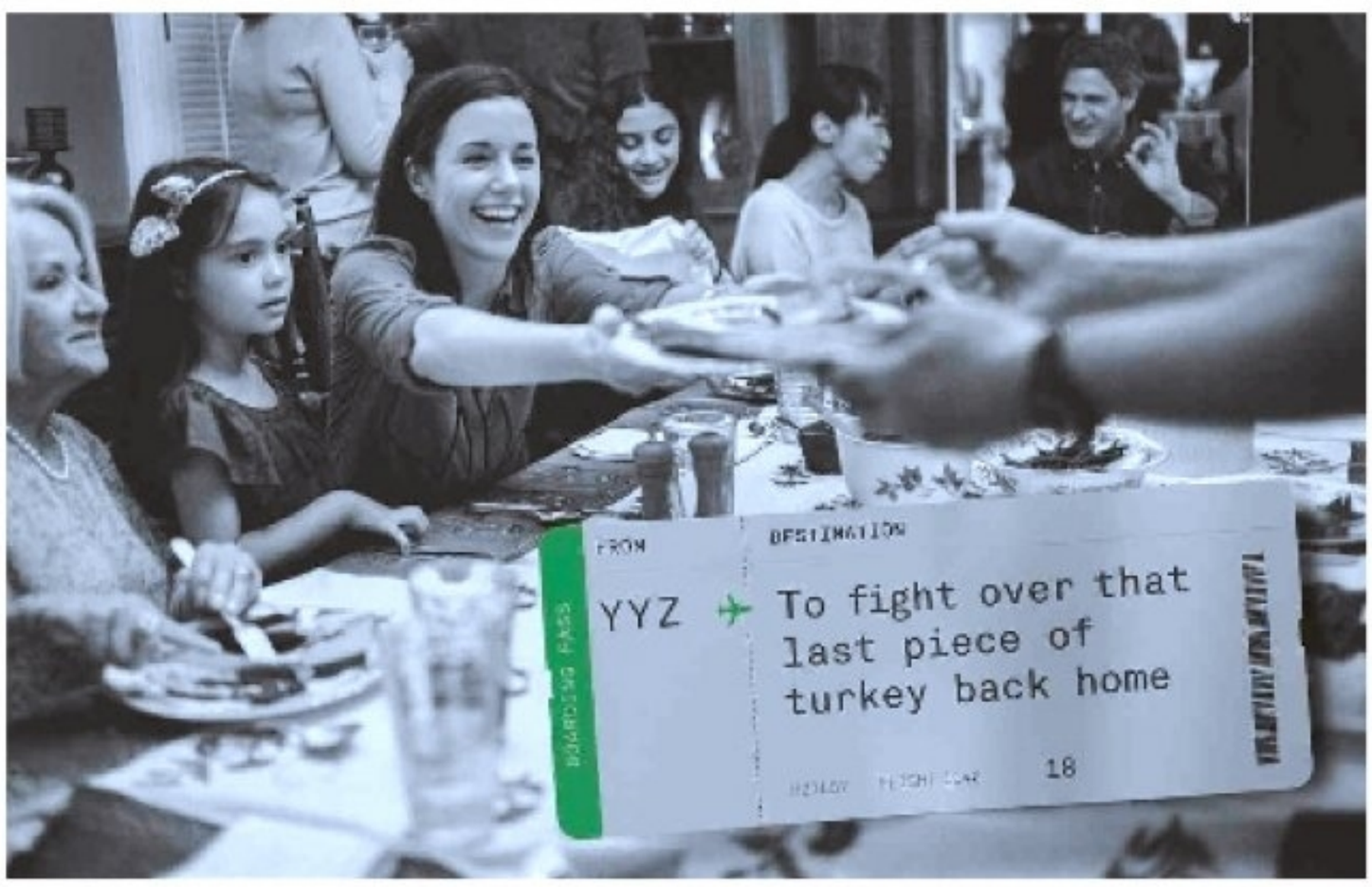

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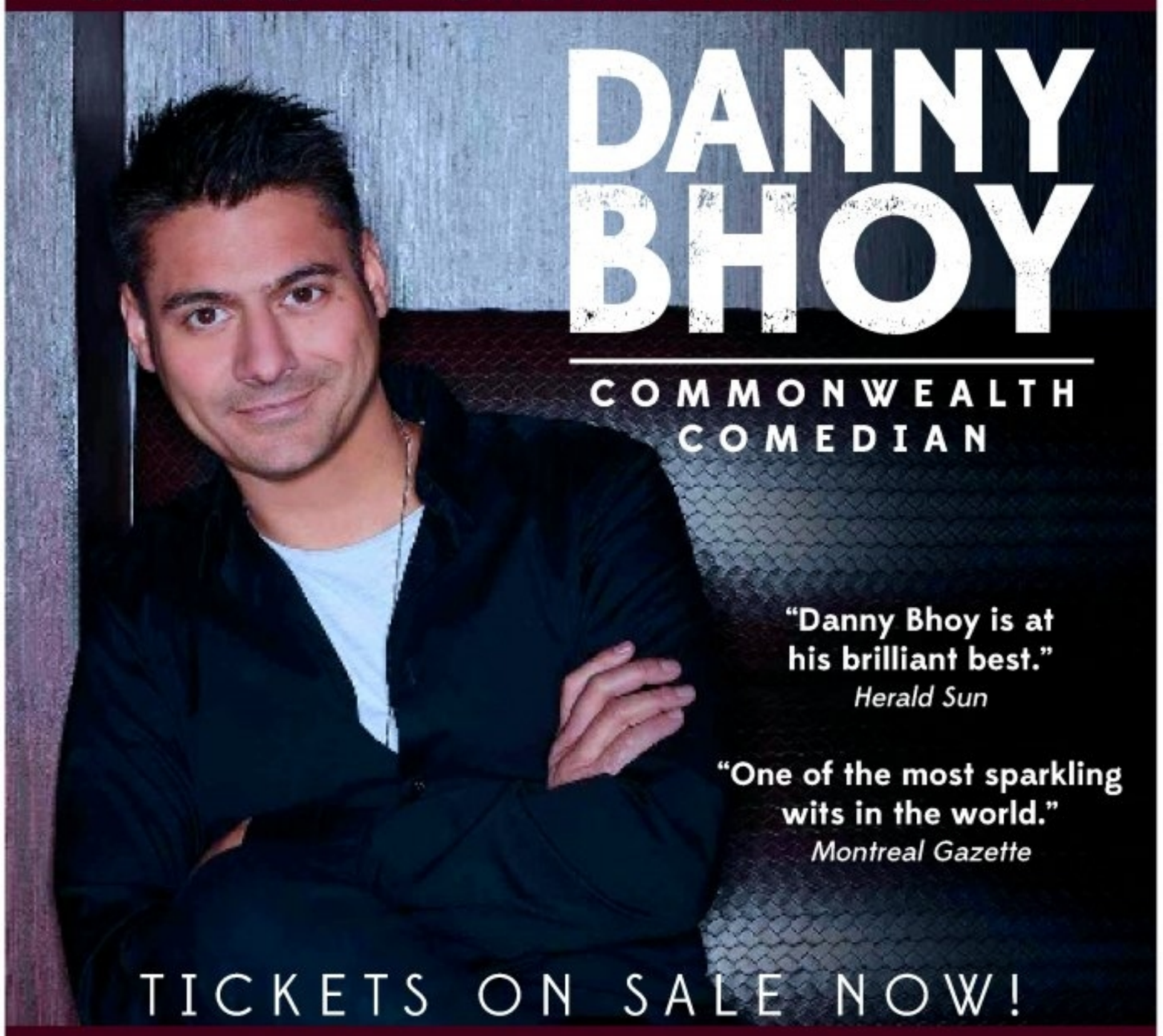

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Highway of Tears given new context in project

IMAGINATIVE FESTIVAL

Lisa Jackson creates virtual reality project on slain women

Kris Abel
For Metro Canada

Filmmaker **Lisa Jackson,** pictured above, has made a four-minute virtual reality story on the **Highway of Tears.** The four-minute virtual reality experience uses a 360 degree aerial view of the highway, where 18 women have gone missing since the 1970s. CONTRIBUTED

It's known as the Highway of Tears, an empty stretch of road in Northern British Columbia where at least 18 women, mainly indigenous, have gone missing or have been murdered since the 1970s.

The locals put the number at 50 women and their frustration at the lack of progress by the RCMP has been shared nationally through the news.

"For the native folks around there, the Highway of Tears is ground zero for them," explains Lisa Jackson, an indigenous filmmaker who has been commissioned by the CBC's The Current to capture the story in virtual reality.

"That's where they come from, that's where their communities are, and it's not an isolated stretch somewhere out beyond, it's the very centre where their ancestors have always been."

The four-minute experience will take you to the land and into the lives of those involved so you can see for yourself what it's like to live there.

"We were able to use aerial 360 video footage so you can look around from the sky above the highway" says Jackson, "and just see this gorgeous landscape and then you look down and there's this ribbon of highway which most of the time has no cars on it.

"We weren't making it into a tourism video, but it is gorgeous, there's just no two ways about it; there's mountains, it's green, it's just stunning up there."

When you enter the home of Matilda Wilson, whose daughter Ramona is among the murdered, it's a chance not only to hear her story, but to look around in her personal space.

"I've been to a lot of homes up in this area, on reserves, they're kind of unique because they're just plastered with family photos in a way you that don't see very often" says Jackson.

"It was a fairly modest home and on every wall was not only photographs of all her large family, but also tributes to Elvis. It was just such a colourful space."

Through Matilda, we get to experience the night her daughter left for a party only to disappear.

With virtual reality, Jackson says we can get "inside that experience of what it would be like to be that mother and the unknowing of it."

"Eventually she did find out the worst," Jackson confirms, "but just putting us in those shoes of how awful it would be to be in that situation and not know and sort of have the police say 'well, y'know, give it a couple of weeks, she'll probably come back.'"

The Highway of Tears VR will be featured in Toronto's ImagineNATIVE film & media arts festival from Oct. 19th – 23 and will also be used for a series of Town Hall discussions across the country that will air on CBC radio, starting in Prince George, B.C.

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> Filmmaker Lisa Jackson

Cancer attacking Downie's memory

THE NATIONAL

Hip frontman shares struggle in interview with Mansbridge

Tragically Hip frontman Gord Downie says his memory is fading as he battles terminal brain cancer.

Downie spoke with anchor Peter Mansbridge in an exclusive interview for CBC's The National, which was set to air Thursday night.

In a preview clip of the interview, Downie tells Mansbridge he "can't remember hardly anything."

He admits he had to write Peter on his hand so he wouldn't forget the name of the man interviewing him, whom he's known for 25 years.

Downie also says he's fighting his terminal illness, hoping he "can get more time."

When Mansbridge asks him if he's "resigned to the direction this is heading," he says, "Yes, I am. I really am."

Downie revealed his cancer earlier this year. Over the summer, he and the Hip put on a 15-show tour that ended with a live broadcast concert that drew millions.

On Tuesday, Downie is set to release Secret Path, a new solo album with an accompanying graphic novel inspired by the tragedy of Canada's residential school system.

He's also scheduled to perform at the National Arts Centre in Ottawa on Tuesday, and Roy Thomson Hall in Toronto on Oct. 21.

Secret Path tells the story of a 12-year-old First Nations boy in Ontario named Chanie Wenjack, who died in 1966 after running away from the Cecilia Jeffrey Indian Residential School near Kenora, Ont.

An animated film on the story — accompanied by documentary footage of Downie tracing Chanie's steps with the Wenjack family — will be broadcast on CBC on Oct. 23.

The interview marks the first time he's discussed his condition publicly.

Downie tells Mansbridge his memories used to be his "forte."

"And now I can't remember hardly anything. I have 'Peter' written on my hand. I have a few things written on my hands. And I say that just to be up front, because I might call you Doug."

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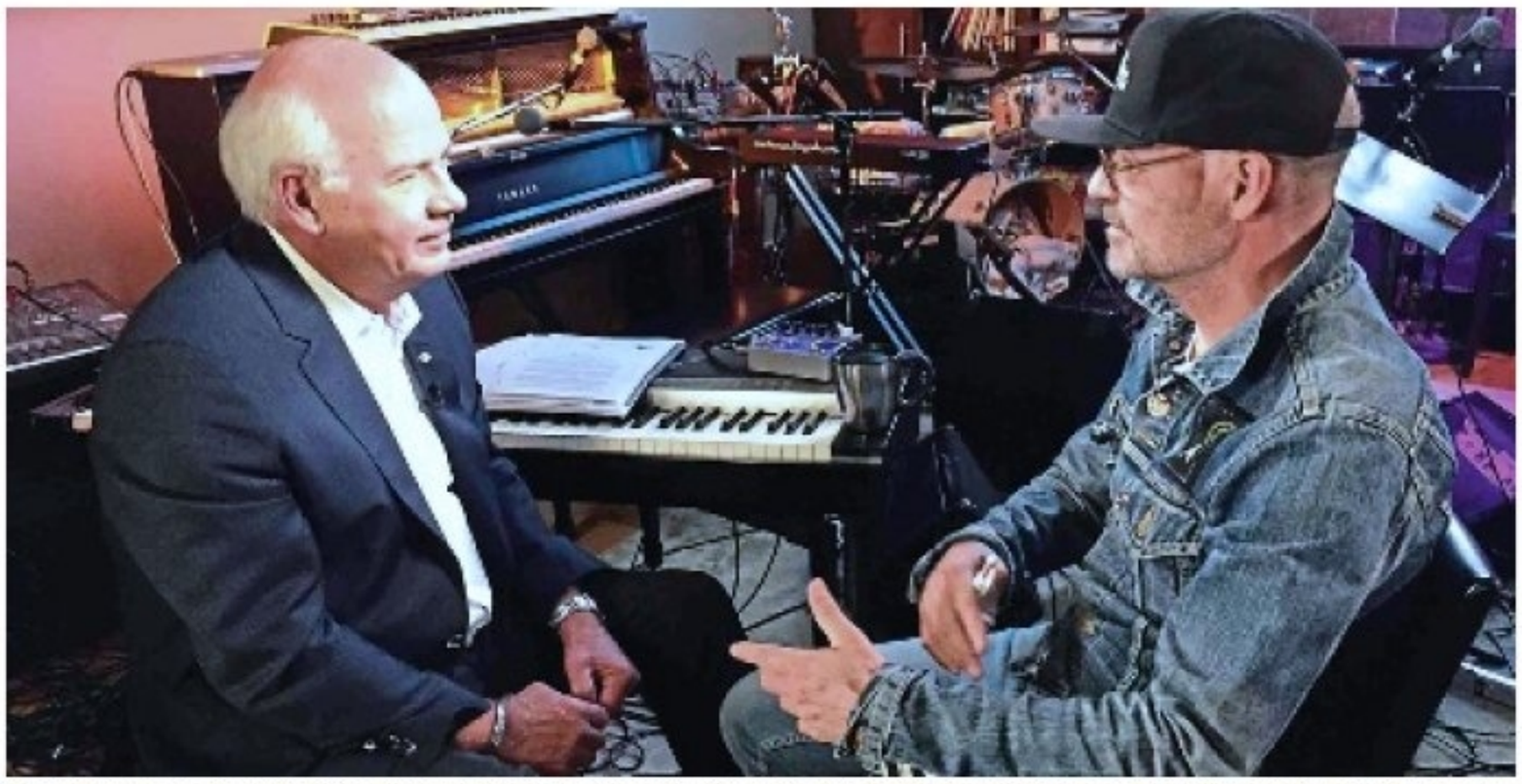

Gord Downie spoke with Peter Mansbridge in an exclusive interview for CBC's The National on Thursday night. He will release a new solo album next week called Secret Path. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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> Gord Downie, talking to Peter Mansbridge about his memory loss

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EUROPE

This isn't your 19th-century composer's fancy-dress ball

Vienna, remixed

Megan Haynes
For Metro Canada

When people think of Vienna, they think of grandiose buildings, philosophical talks in coffee shops, grand balls and classical music — but that's changing.

Vienna, named the most livable city in the world seven times by consulting firm Mercer, is attracting and retaining more youth than ever.

While once Austrian millennials flocked to Berlin, today they're staying put in Vienna and starting their businesses there as well, creating a welcoming place for the under-30 set. Case in point: While each January Vienna plays host to hundreds of balls where patrons don formal wear and dance the night away, the Hip Hop Ball instead opts for a giant night-club vibe.

The gala, which sees patrons mix floor-length gowns with street gear, brought in more than 200 people last year, says 27-year-old founder Sajeh Tavasolie.

This year, it's moved to a bigger venue (a 19th-century building traditionally used to house classical music performances) to accommodate demand. The ball mixes traditional hip-hop dance with Viennese waltzing, which most youth learn from a young age, creating a unique atmosphere patrons won't find anywhere else.

Not to worry if you aren't around for ball season though — Vienna has surprising twists on classics all-year round.

Take Supersense, a coffeehouse that balances between traditional Viennese café and hipster hang-out. The café/store serves its espressos in a beautiful gilded baroque building. But wander into the back and everything old is new again: Shoppers can take a photo with the world's largest digital Polaroid, record a song in a make-shift studio booth made out of an old elevator cart and get their own record pressed, or even try their hand at the "scents lab," a kit that allows people to buy bottled smells. The idea is that the little capsules are to be broken at key moments people want to remember, so that they can build a scent memory.

No trip to Vienna would be complete without some orchestra. But rather than shell out hundreds for tickets to see a show in theatre, wander down to the Haus der Musik museum and take a teched-out tour of the classical music scene complete with holograms of Vienna's famous composers and a (creepy) motion-activated Mozart that mimics your facial movements.

At the end of the tour, visitors can conduct their own orchestra or score prime seats to enjoy a Beethoven/electronica remix.

Classical still permeates all facets of this Austrian city, but there's plenty of modern fixings for those looking for this kind of twist.

While Vienna is known for the hundreds of formal balls it puts on every year, the Hip Hop Ball provides a refreshing alternative. Vienna is retaining more of its youth that it once lost to the likes of Berlin, who are starting their own businesses and bringing new life to the city. LEFT: ©WIENTOURISMUS/MANFRED HORVATH, RIGHT: ANGELO KREUZBERGER

IF YOU GO

Save the date
The next Hip Hop Ball is taking place Jan. 28, 2017

TRAVEL NOTES CEASING SELLING CAPTIVE-ANIMAL ATTRACTIONS, HEMINGWAY'S STUFF SAVED & NEW WEST MEMPHIS TRAIL

TripAdvisor takes stand on animal exploitation
TripAdvisor says it's taking a stand against animal exploitation by no longer selling bookings to attractions where travellers can make physical contact with captive wild animals or endangered species. The policy was formed with input from tourism, animal welfare and conservation groups including the Association of Zoos and Aquariums.
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ISTOCK

US, Cuba step up efforts to save Hemingway artifacts
Ernest Hemingway was a pack rat who saved everything. Fortunately for fans of the literary icon, U.S. and Cuban officials and scholars have been working together to preserve artifacts at his former estate in Cuba — items they say will help illuminate his colorful legacy. Hemingway threw little away, effectively leaving behind a rich archive that includes his passport and Christmas cards. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

HANDOUT

Construction set to begin on trail in West Memphis
Crittenden County officials said a proposed walkway along the Mississippi River wetlands will generate more tourism revenue to West Memphis and encourage industrial development. The city will begin developing the Delta River Regional Trail for pedestrians and bicyclists on the city's east side in November.
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"The logo — Chief Wahoo — is one that was troubling to me personally": Jays president Mark Shapiro who was once a Cleveland executive

Jays hang loose amid post-season pressure

MLB PLAYOFFS

Cleveland won regular-season series 4-3

Jason Grilli, left, and Marcus Stroman share a laugh during the Blue Jays' extra-innings victory over the Rangers on Sunday in Toronto. VAUGHN RIDLEY/GETTY IMAGES

A loose bunch of Blue Jays wasted little time making some changes to their Progressive Field home away from home for the American League Championship Series with Cleveland.

With the clubhouse closed to the media during the post-season, it was up to centre-fielder Kevin Pillar to partially spill the beans.

"All of our name plates have been changed from our normal names," Pillar said as the Toronto players met reporters in a stadium restaurant ahead of Game 1 Friday with the Indians. "I wasn't in there during it but someone's given everyone nicknames already. Not the nicest of nicknames but that's just how we are — we keep it loose, we keep it fun.

"No one is safe, whether you're the MVP, a multiple-time all-star or the rookie sitting across. Everyone's got free rein to say what they want and do what they want and that's what makes the environment so fun."

Could Pillar reveal his nickname? How about any nickname?

"No, not sharing them," Pillar said, vigorously shaking his head.

Staying loose is nothing new for the Blue Jays, who are trying to make the most of the post-season moment after falling two wins shy of the World Series last season.

"Enjoy (it)," veteran shortstop Troy Tulowitzki said Thursday. "That's what I try to tell all these young guys on the team. It's not easy to get here. For it to be our second year in a row speaks volumes about the guys on this team."

> **"I think our heads are in a good place."**
> Jose Bautista

Having recovered from a 3-9 start to September, they fought their way into the playoffs, survived the wild-card hurdle and swept Texas in the AL Division Series.

The Indians present a considerable challenge.

Cleveland won the AL Central before sweeping the Boston Red Sox.

The Indians can manufacture runs with their bats and speed, ranking fourth in the majors with 134 stolen bases (Toronto was 25th with 54). Andrew Miller and Cody Allen lead a more than capable bullpen.

The Jays swung for the fences, ranking fourth in the majors with 221 home runs (Cleveland was 18th with 185). Toronto's starting rotation, meanwhile, led the AL in ERA (3.64) and opponents' average (.236) among other categories.

In fact, the Jays were the only AL team whose starters' ERA was under 4.00 (Cleveland was next at 4.08). THE CANADIAN PRESS

ALCS head to head

How Toronto and Cleveland stack up positionally TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE; PHOTOS BY GETTY IMAGES

1 Starters

No one has as much depth in their four-man rotation as do the Blue Jays. Toronto's starters are a combined 55-22. The Indians have a Cy Young candidate in Corey Kluber, plus Trevor Bauer and Josh Tomlin, but they lost RH Danny Salazar and RH Carlos Carrasco to injury. **EDGE: Toronto.**

2 Bullpen

RH Jason Grilli and RH Joe Biagini, plus LH Brett Cecil are the main setup men for 21-year-old closer Roberto Osuna. But the Indians have a versatile, elite bullpen with closer Cody Allen and lefty setup man Andrew Miller. **EDGE: Cleveland.**

3 Lineup

The Toronto lineup has bounced back in the post-season to strike fear in the hearts of opponents. Of the 21 playoff home runs hit in the AL this year, 10 have been hit by the Jays. Cleveland has great balance, with five switch-hitters and three left-handed bats. **EDGE: Even.**

4 Intangibles

The Jays have the home-crowd advantage, with a raucous atmosphere that fuels them. The Jays are 9-4 in their past 13 playoff games. Cleveland's Terry Francona is 31-18 record as a manager in the post-season. **EDGE: Jays. PICK: Jays in seven.**

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Four goals are just the start

Dave Feschuk

On the day after he became the first player in 99 years to score four goals in his first NHL game, the numbers surrounding Auston Matthews continued to astound.

At the Maple Leafs' practice rink, the 19-year-old rookie, currently on pace for a 328-goal rookie season, was surrounded by dozens of cameras and microphones. And let the record show that one game, and one loss, into Matthews's introductory season in Toronto, a reporter asked him if he'd been consulted on the Stanley Cup parade route — which left Matthews rightfully flummoxed.

But such was the giddy spirit of the moment that even Mike Babcock, the hard-bitten realist who doubles as the Maple Leafs' coach, allowed a new Leafland narrative to flow from his mouth. Matthews, after all, hadn't been the only Toronto-based youngster to turn heads in Wednesday's 5-4 overtime loss in Ottawa.

Auston Matthews created an opening-night sensation with four goals in the Maple Leafs' 5-4 overtime loss in Ottawa on Wednesday. TWITTER PHOTO/@MAPLELEAFS

"There's a whole bunch of guys' sweaters you can buy and you know he's going to be here for a while. That's a positive thing," Babcock said.

(The working list of Babcock-approved, new-Leaf jersey nameplates, judging from the coach's post-game assessment on Wednesday, would include Matthews, Mitch Marner, Zach Hyman, William Nylander, Nikita Zaitsev and Connor Brown).

"I think if you're a hockey fan and you've been watching the Leafs, there's promise," Babcock said. "You know that our time probably hasn't arrived quite yet, but it's still promise, and it's still exciting."

But while Babcock had been as tee-hee with glee as anyone on Wednesday night — "Never seen anything like it," the coach allowed — a day later he was far more interested in supplying some sense of scale to the moment.

"It's one night," he said. "You've got to do it for a year, and then you've got to do it for two years. And then you've got to do it for 15 years. So there's lots for (Matthews) to look forward to."

Leafs watchers are currently looking forward to Saturday, when the Leafs host their 100th home opener against the Bruins. Now that promise has arrived in Leafland and sweater sales are in for an exponential boost, Matthews offered one more polite accounting of his recently created history.

"(Wednesday) night was definitely something I'll remember for the rest of my life. But that's in the past now," he said. "It's just one game. Obviously we're on to the next one."

Dave Feschuk is a sports columnist with the Toronto Star.

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Fascinating face off awaits

NFL

Sherman-Jones duel will likely light up Falcons versus Seattle

As his career has progressed, Seattle's Richard Sherman has become more adept at shadowing a specific wide receiver instead of concentrating on covering one side of the field.

He mays have quite the challenge coming up Sunday: Atlanta's Julio Jones, just two weeks removed from racking up 300 yards receiving against Carolina.

"I watch the wide receiver play in Julio, he's one the very greatest football minds at his position. He has a real understanding of the game, the coverage, the leverage and that was one of the things when I first met Sherm," said Atlanta head coach and former Seattle defensive co-ordinator Dan Quinn.

"I was so impressed with his football knowledge growing stronger through the years. That'll be a classic matchup that we're looking forward to being a part of."

Yes, even the coaches are excited to see how this one plays out. While it's not certain Sherman will match up on Jones exclusively, there have been plenty of assumptions this week that will be the case. And should they face off, there won't be any acrimony. Jones and Sherman have become friends off the field after meeting at the Pro Bowl.

"He's a fascinating dude," Sherman said.

Richard Sherman GETTY IMAGES

Once criticized for only playing left cornerback, Sherman has taken on more responsibility for following the opponent's top wide receiver in recent seasons. Among those he's chased around are Dez Bryant, Antonio Brown, Torrey Smith, A.J. Green and two weeks ago, Brandon Marshall.

Jones said he doesn't know what to expect from the Seahawks. "I'm not calling anyone out or anything; nor am I going to shy away from competition. I'm definitely going to compete every play, it doesn't matter who's guarding me." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Julio Jones. GETTY IMAGES

IN BRIEF

Phelan given Hull job
Mike Phelan was hired Thursday as the permanent manager of Hull, taking over the full-time job after serving on an interim basis for the first seven games of the Premier League season.

Hull said Phelan is the full-time replacement for Steve Bruce, who left the club before the start of the season. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Piercy breaks course record
Scott Piercy began the new PGA Tour season by setting the course record at Silverado, a 10-under 62 for a two-shot lead Thursday in the Safeway Open.

Paul Casey signalled a return to form by shooting a 64 to sit in second place. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Newton may play vs. Saints
Panthers quarterback Cam Newton was a full participant in practice Thursday, another indicator the league's reigning MVP will likely play Sunday against the New Orleans Saints.

Coach Ron Rivera said that while Newton remains in the NFL's concussion protocol, it is a positive sign that the pivot trained. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Chelsea confirm Nike deal
Nike will take over as Chelsea's official sportswear supplier next season in what the English Premier League club says is the "largest commercial deal" in its history.

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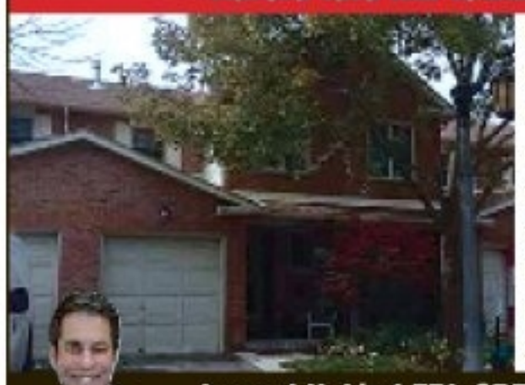

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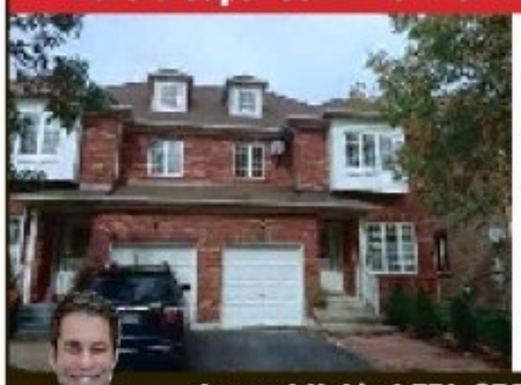

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RECIPE Chickpea and Spinach Stew

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Ceri Marsh & Laura Keogh
For Metro Canada

This recipe yields a lot of hearty soup, which is good news as the flavours deepen even more when you warm up the leftovers.

Ready in 30 minutes
Prep time: 5 minutes
Cook time: 25 minutes
Serves 6

Ingredients
- 2 onions, chopped
- 2 to 3 Tbsp vegetable oil
- 3-inch piece of ginger, grated or minced
- 4 cloves of garlic, minced
- 2 or 3 big handfuls of baby spinach, washed and stems trimmed
- 2 tsp turmeric
- 1 tsp cumin
- 1/2 tsp ground coriander
- 1/2 tsp cayenne (optional)
- 1 x 28 oz can tomatoes
- 1 x 28 oz can of chickpeas
- 1 cup water
- Pinch of salt

Directions

1. Sauté onions and pinch of salt in oil until they are quite soft, about 10 minutes. Add garlic and ginger and stir for about a minute or two. Add spices and cook for another minute.

2. Add chickpeas and tomatoes. Use the back of a spoon to break up the tomatoes. Add the water and bring to a boil. Add the spinach, reduce heat and simmer for about 15 minutes.

3. Serve over rice and with a dollop of plain yogurt on top.

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CROSSWORD Canada Across and Down

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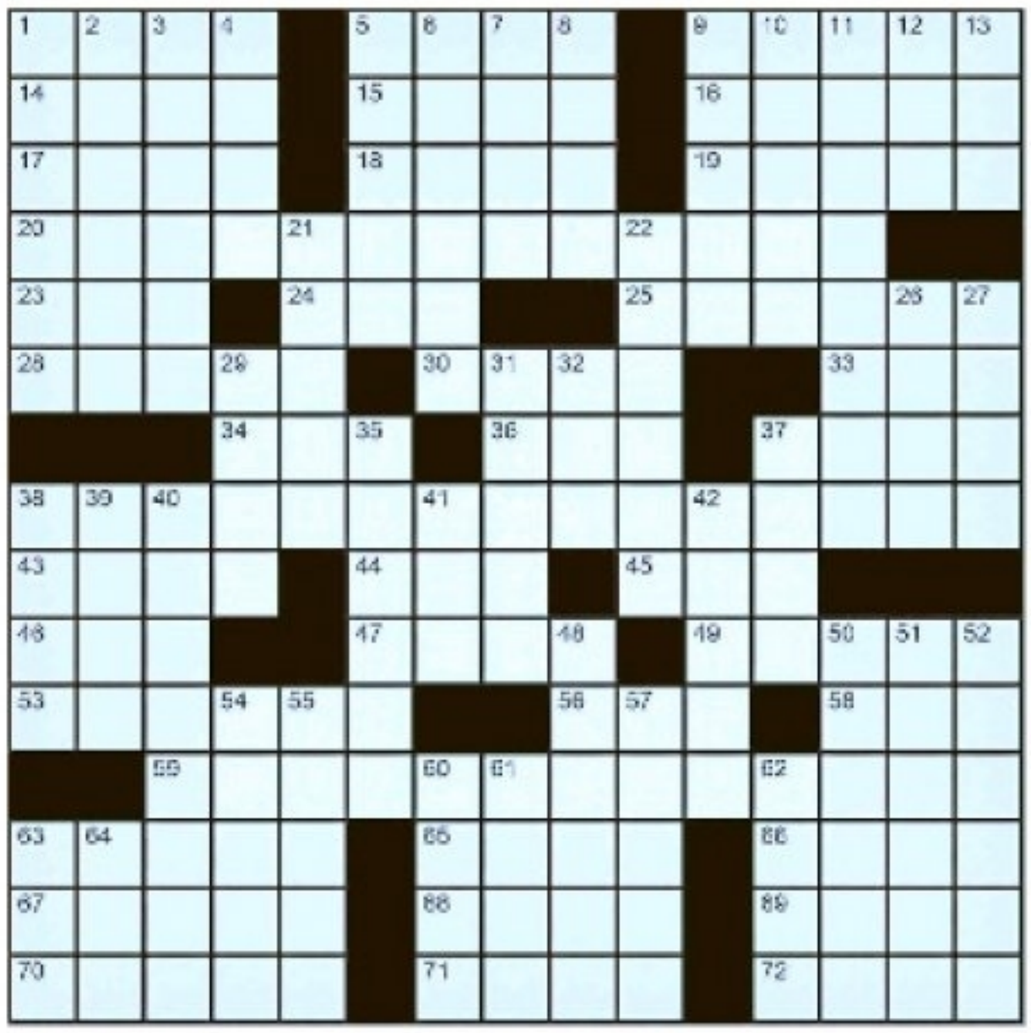

ACROSS
1. Pre-DVD machines
5. Prompted the thespian
9. Not glossy
14. Zeno of __ (Ancient Greek philosopher)
15. As soon as...
16. Walk __ line
17. Lion's sound!
18. Ms. Sorvino
19. Jams in
20. Neil Young song where "it's so noisy at the fair": 2 wds.
23. Author Ms. LeShan
24. Singer Janis
25. More less asleep
28. Church council
30. Swedish car
33. Saskatoon's airport code
34. CFL official
36. Ancient war god
37. "Arriba" is a 1999 hit for what Canadian dance music singer?
38. Tune penned by #59-Across that goes "There is no end to what we can do together...": 4 wds.
43. Large land lot
44. Mined mineral
45. Bitty battery
46. Him, in Hull
47. Monthly abode payment
49. Ms. Stefani's
53. Francia's neighbour in Europa
56. Ms. Arden
58. Ms. Michele
59. Rock legend who Neil Young is opening for at this weekend's Desert Trip music festival in Indio, California: 2 wds.
63. "Grease" (1978) gang member
65. Amazed reactions
66. Conceal
67. Mountain chain
68. Merle Haggard's "__ from Muskogee"
69. Vigour, for short
70. Longing-for sounds
71. Kiki and Sandra
72. Positive gestures

DOWN
1. Poetic lines
2. Overcast
3. Carter's presidential successor
4. Ms. Gilbert
5. 'Winnipeg, Manitoba' has one
6. Marriages, for example
7. Nylons hue
8. Hollywood icon James
9. Parrot variety
10. Glass-ceiling lobbies
11. Two words of gratitude
12. Mr. Burton
13. Nav. designation
21. __ bicycle (Travel on two wheels)
22. Latin 'blank slate', __ rasa
26. Corporate honcho, briefly
27. Stink, strongly
29. "What's Hecuba to him __ __ to Hecuba..." - Hamlet
31. "__-hut, soldiers!"
32. Small island
35. __ arrangement (Aromatic centrepiece)
37. Nicknamed 'Hunger Games' actress
38. Corduroy line
39. Post-op locales
40. Concert album of 1990 by #59-Across: '__ the Live Fantastic'
41. Dublin's wee locale
42. Raring to go
48. Electronics whiz
50. Warm ocean current: 2 wds.
51. Required
52. Gale __, role in football biopic "Brian's Song" (1971)
54. Irritated pirate's noise!
55. Sans-clothing paintings
57. Flowers displayers
60. State of mind
61. Cola brand
62. In that case...
63. 'Sharknado' movies actress ...her initials-sharers
64. Actress Ms. Ling

IT'S ALL IN THE STARS Your daily horoscope by Francis Drake

Aries March 21 - April 20
This is a challenging day! Relationships with partners and close friends are unpredictable. Some relationships might even end. Clashes with authority figures are intense. (Yikes!)

Taurus April 21 - May 21
Your work routine will be interrupted with computer crashes, equipment breakdowns, canceled meetings or fire drills. It could be anything. Avoid touchy subjects, because people are ready to quarrel.

Gemini May 22 - June 21
This is an accident-prone day for your kids, so be extra vigilant. Arguments about the care and education of children, shared expenses or the division of labor might arise.

Cancer June 22 - July 23
Family squabbles are likely today, because something at home will occur unexpectedly. Small appliances might break down or minor breakages could occur. Have patience!

Leo July 24 - Aug. 23
This is an accident-prone day for your sign, so pay attention to everything you say and do. Think before you speak. Avoid arguments with co-workers.

Virgo Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
Something to do with your cash flow or your finances will surprise you today or catch you off guard. Double-check everything. Financial squabbles with your kids or a romantic partner might occur.

Libra Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
Discussions are heated today because people are obsessed about whatever concerns them. Furthermore, you or someone else might demand more freedom in relationship

Scorpio Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
This is a tough day because you feel restless and indecisive. Too many things are going on. Instead of being frazzled, be patient and diplomatic when talking to others.

Sagittarius Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
You might be upset with a friend today or with your interaction with a member of a group. This could be because something unexpected occurs. Don't overreact.

Capricorn Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
Conversations with bosses and authority figures might upset you today. Perhaps someone will say something that throws you a curveball. Be careful. Don't quit your day job.

Aquarius Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
Travel plans will be delayed, canceled or rescheduled today. Ditto for school plans for many of you. Just cope as best you can

Pisces
Feb. 20 - March 20
Make friends with your bank account because something unexpected will affect your finances. Get all your facts first before you decide what to do. Don't just shoot from the hip with guesswork.

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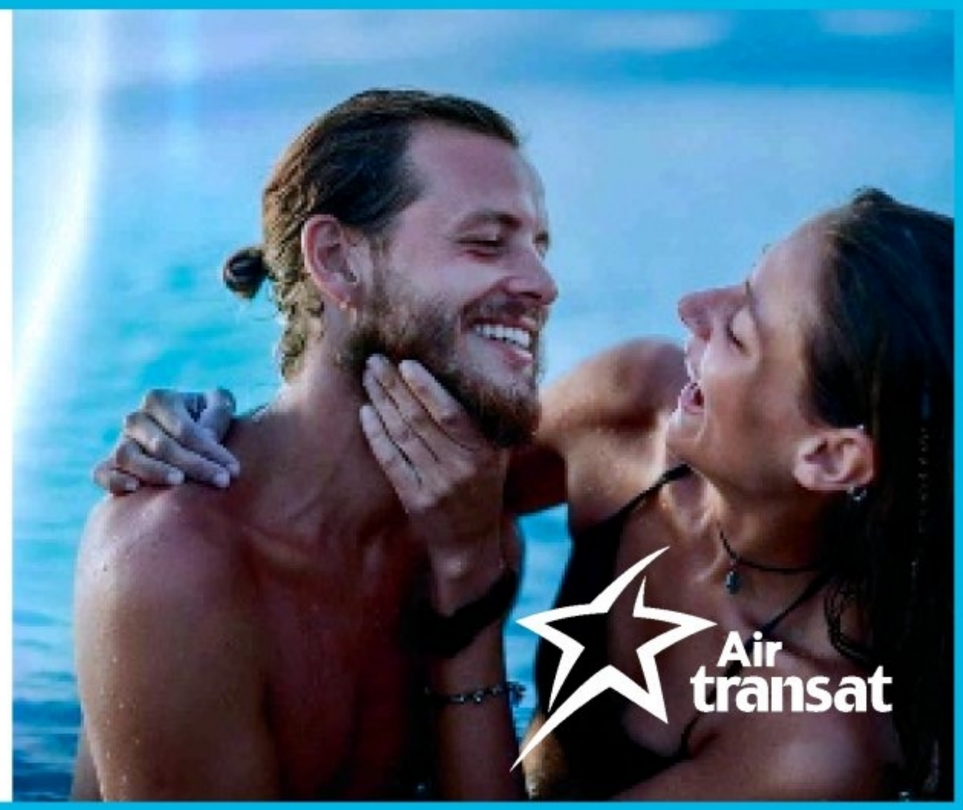

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